

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET –14 JUNE 2016

Recommendation from the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 April 2016:-

Sherrardspark Wood Management Plan – adoption of the revised Plan (Minute 59)

The report of the Director (Governance) informed the Committee that following their approval on 21 September 2015 (vide Minute 25) of the draft of the third plan period (2015-20) of the Sherrardspark Wood management plan public consultation had taken place for six weeks during November and December, closing on Friday 4 December.

One comment had been received in response to the consultation concerning the location of a possible incidence of ash dieback disease. Members noted in this respect that they had considered a report at their meeting on 25 January 2016 (vide Minute 45) focussing on tree pests and diseases and, in particular, the potential threat from ash dieback disease throughout the borough. The plan was being re-submitted to the Committee for endorsement.

In response to a question by a Member about Rights of Way, the Committee was informed that these were way marked but that because Sherrardspark Wood was a site of special scientific interest visitors were encouraged to use the managed path network which was thought to provide reasonable access.

RESOLVED

That the Cabinet be recommended to adopt the revised management plan for Sherrardspark Wood Local Nature Reserve 2015-2020 as set out as an appendix to the report of the Director (Governance) and to agree that the plan be forwarded to the Forestry Commission and to Natural England for approval.

(Note: Please click on link below to access the Appendix).

http://democracy.welhat.gov.uk/documents/s961/2016.04.04_Item%2009_%20Sherrardspark%20Wood%20-%20App%201.pdf

http://democracy.welhat.gov.uk/documents/s962/2016.04.04_Item%2009_Sherrardspark%20Wood%20LMP%20-%20App%202.pdf

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