

## ANNEXE A – Overview & Scrutiny Committee

### Swadlincote Woodlands Action Management Plan - update November 2011

#### NATURAL WOODLAND

Key Management Objectives	Action	Resources	Timescale	PROGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage for wildlife and education</li> <li>• Enhance the natural biodiversity of the site through positive land management</li> <li>• Generate opportunities for community engagement and education</li> <li>• Increased opportunities for grant funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declare as Local Nature Reserve</li> <li>• Programme of educational visits</li> <li>• Work with partners (DWT and others) to develop site management plan</li> <li>• Improve interpretation and signage</li> <li>• Regular (annual) programme of conservation management – volunteer groups e.g. BTCV</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff time – existing resources</li> <li>• Partners time</li> <li>• Groundwork SLA to arrange visits</li> <li>• Open Space Development budget for interpretation panels, signage and materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LNR declaration 2012</li> <li>• Ongoing programme from summer 2011 onwards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWT commissioned to produce a Site Management Plan by March 2012</li> <li>• Liaison with Natural England with a view to LNR declaration</li> <li>• Groundwork Derby &amp; Derbyshire organised 3 community events: Butterfly Walk (May), Family day attended by Woodville Children's Centre (Love Parks Week, July), Bat Walk (August)</li> <li>• Continued programme of BTCV Conservation task days, 1 day a month to carry out management tasks</li> <li>• New entrance sign installed</li> </ul>

## ACTIVE WOODLAND

Key Management Objectives	Action	Resources	Timescale	PROGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise the profile of the site</li> <li>• Improve the visitor experience</li> <li>• Provide excellent play experience</li> <li>• Focal point of the site for visitors - information &amp; facilities</li> <li>• Network of waymarked trails &amp; activities</li> <li>• Reduce maintenance/repair costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve play area with robust equipment</li> <li>• Provide information point, more seating &amp; better signage</li> <li>• Create waymarked trails – different levels of ability and distance</li> <li>• Create Orienteering course</li> <li>• Redesign ‘Gallery Grid’ area</li> <li>• Continue with programme of woodland management – thinning and coppicing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff time – existing resources</li> <li>• Open Space Development budget for interpretation panels, signage and materials (£5k annually)</li> <li>• Financial: £20k for new play equipment (s106 capital budget) £3500 for BTCV volunteer taskdays (revenue budget) £1150 to set up orienteering course (Open Space Development budget)</li> <li>•Capital funding required for Gallery Grid area – potential for community project?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procure new equipment for summer 2011</li> <li>• Orienteering course set up for July 2011</li> <li>• Capital grant funding sought for improved signage, access and interpretation - ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New multiplay equipment installed April 2011 to replace vandalised equipment</li> <li>• Noticeboard from the Delph relocated near building</li> <li>• New entrance sign installed</li> <li>• Design for large site map underway with Northgate Graphic Designer</li> <li>• Orienteering Trail installed, and launch event held in June with Derwent Valley Orienteers</li> <li>• Makeover project with pupils from Granville School and ASB Officer on the Gallery Grid area.</li> </ul>

## SPORTING WOODLAND

Key Management Objectives	Action	Resources	Timescale	PROGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brand and manage as a Sport Ground – suggest Woodhouse Sports Ground</li> <li>• Enhance Youth Facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with young people &amp; Youth Service to develop youth facilities – possible bike trail</li> <li>• Work with local football clubs to improve facilities – changing rooms and pitches</li> <li>• Seek a decision on future of the Winding Sheds</li> <li>• Install signage at entrance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff time – Sport &amp; Health Team</li> <li>• Partner resources – DCC Youth Service</li> <li>• Apply for capital grant if new facilities identified</li> <li>• Identify potential work in Facilities Strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation with clubs and young people during 2011/12 to form site development plan</li> <li>• Future of Winding Sheds to be decided during 2011/12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New entrance sign installed</li> <li>• Initial discussion with Youth Service regarding youth project. Consultation likely Spring/Summer 2012</li> </ul>

## AMENITY WOODLAND

Key Management Objectives	Action	Resources	Timescale	PROGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance the natural biodiversity of the site through positive land management</li> <li>• Potential for revenue income from sale of timber</li> <li>• Contribution to the woodland economy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual woodland management programme</li> <li>• Investigate markets for timber sales and implications on staffing</li> <li>• Undertake feasibility study on use of timber as a resource for Wood Fuel boilers at Depot and Rosliston</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BTCV costs</li> <li>• Staff time – existing resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing woodland management</li> <li>• Feasibility study complete by June 2011.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BTCV carrying out annual woodland thinning programme</li> </ul>

### Forward Plan:

Natural Woodland: Progress with declaration as Local Nature Reserve in liaison with Natural England & Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

Active Woodland: Deliver events programme for 2012/13, including themes around Sport Relief, Love Parks Week, Diamond Jubilee and countdown to 2012 Olympics

Sporting Woodland: Playing Pitch Strategy has identified pitches are in need of improvement work (drainage and seeding) so funding needs to be identified

Consultation with Young People re Skate Park/Youth provision

Amenity Woodland: Market requirements for logged timber to be investigated