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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ROSLISTON FORESTRY CENTRE – UPDATE</b>	<b>REF:</b>
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## **1.0 Recommendation**

- 1.1 That the process for the future management and development of Rosliston Forestry Centre be approved.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 The report outlines the process to be undertaken for the future management and development arrangements at Rosliston Forestry Centre.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) and the Forestry Commission (FC) jointly own Rosliston Forestry Centre, which is a key visitor attraction of 62 hectares within the National Forest. The site is managed through an executive partnership of the District Council and the Forestry Commission. Rosliston Forestry Centre was the first area to be planted as part of the National Forest in 1994, over 20 years later the time has come to review and redefine the future for the site. There have been a number of management & business plans and visions written since the site's inception and much has been achieved. This vision now has to drive the future of the centre forward.
- 3.2 Aurora Country Developments LTD has managed the site for almost 20 years on behalf of the key partners. Working alongside the partners they have developed the site and helped build its reputation as a key visitor attraction within the National Forest. Their current contract ceases in 2018. This means there is a clear opportunity for SDDC and FC to re-evaluate the site and its position within both organisations' strategic requirements. In order to identify options for the next 10 years, research is being carried out, looking at the past 20 years of site development, how the site correlates to other similar venues within its catchment area, market trends, new opportunities and threats etc.

- The key milestones and timetable for this process are:

- Appointed Project Officer Aug' 2016
- Produce 10 Year Vision and Strategy Dec' 2016
- Produce Facility Development Plan Feb' 2017
- Produce Options Appraisal for future management Mar' 2017
- RFC Executive to recommend preferred option Apr' 2017
- H&CS to approve Option Apr' 2017
- Procurement Process started May 2017

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising directly from this report. The Options Appraisal Stage will consider the financial and managerial implications for the future of the Centre with the existing considerations for achieving long term financial sustainability for the Centre remaining.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 Rosliston Forestry Centre's continued development as a community and visitor attraction contributes significantly to the People, Place and Progress themes in the new Corporate Plan and the strategic objective of improving the health and wellbeing of our residents and communities.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

- 6.1 Rosliston Forestry Centre contributes to the South Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy and, in particular, the themes of Health and Well Being and Sustainable Communities. It has become an important community facility providing a venue for many local people and groups.
- 6.2 The Vision represents an excellent opportunity to further enhance Rosliston Forestry Centre for the benefit of both the local community and visitors from further afield.

#### **7.0 Conclusions**

- 7.1 This process enables the current partnership of SDDC and FC to develop the project plan and Options Appraisal for future determination by the Council.

#### **8.0 Background Papers**

- 8.1 N/A