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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – CLIMATE CHANGE,  
BIODIVERSITY AND CARBON REDUCTION**

**MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2021**

**Report of the Director - Legal and Democratic Services**

**Consideration of a Nature Recovery Motion**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 To consider a Nature Recovery Motion in advance of it being debated at Full Council on 1 December 2021.

**2. Information and Analysis**

2.1 A request pursuant to paragraph 8 Improvement and Scrutiny Procedure Rules has been made to have an item included on the agenda of the next meeting of the Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction Improvement and Scrutiny Committee.

The request relates to an email that many council members have received from their constituents asking that they support a Nature Recovery Motion. The Committee member making the request feels that the email raises important issues that deserve greater consideration by members than a short debate at Full Council and has asked that the Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction Improvement and Scrutiny Committee consider the text of the motion and decide how it wishes to proceed with it.

The text of the email sent to councillors, the wording of the motion and supporting information provided is available at Appendix 2.

### **3. Consultation**

3.1 Not applicable

### **4. Alternative Options Considered**

4.1 To not include the item on the agenda. This would have been a contravention of paragraph 8 Improvement and Scrutiny Procedure Rules which states “Any member of an Improvement and Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to give notice to the Director of Legal & Democratic Services that he/she wishes an item, relevant to the functions of the Committee, to be included on the agenda for the next available meeting of the Committee. On receipt of such a request the Director of Legal & Democratic Services will ensure that it is included on the next available agenda. Members who are not appointed to the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee in question may ask their party group spokesman to give notice of an item.”

### **5. Implications**

5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

### **6. Background Papers**

6.1 None

### **7. Appendices**

7.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

7.2 Appendix 2 – Nature Recovery Motion: Text of email to members, wording of motion and associated briefing paper.

### **8. Recommendation(s)**

That the Committee:

a) considers the issues raised in the Nature Recovery Motion and decides how it wishes to proceed.

### **9. Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

9.1 The Nature Recovery Motion proposes actions that are relevant to the function of the Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction Improvement and Scrutiny Committee.

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## **Implications**

### **Financial**

1.1 N/A

### **Legal**

2.1 Paragraph 8 of the Improvement and Scrutiny Procedure Rules states “Any member of an Improvement and Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to give notice to the Director of Legal & Democratic Services that he/she wishes an item, relevant to the functions of the Committee, to be included on the agenda for the next available meeting of the Committee. On receipt of such a request the Director of Legal & Democratic Services will ensure that it is included on the next available agenda. Members who are not appointed to the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee in question may ask their party group spokesman to give notice of an item.”

### **Human Resources**

3.1 N/A

### **Information Technology**

4.1 N/A

### **Equalities Impact**

5.1 N/A

### **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

6.1 The sentiments expressed in the Nature Recovery Motion are relevant to the Council’s priority to deliver “A prosperous and Green Derbyshire”.

### **Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental, Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)**

7.1 N/A