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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**22 May 2023**

**Report of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust**

**Implementation of the Council's Nature Recovery**

## **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is To inform the Committee on work being undertaken by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to embed a natural capital approach and payment for ecosystem services in Derbyshire.

## **2. Information and Analysis**

The Committee will receive an update on three areas of work:

- **Project Delivery:** work DWT are currently implementing on the ground that deliver multiple benefits for people and wildlife;
- **Contributing to the Evidence Base:** partnering with local universities to produce relevant information for decision makers, whilst upskilling the student and research communities of Derbyshire; and
- **Collaboration with the Financial Sector:** working with financial experts to build pioneering commercial models around conservation.

## **3. Alternative Options Considered**

3.1 Not applicable.

## **4. Implications**

4.1 Not applicable.

## **5. Consultation**

5.1 Not applicable.

## **6. Background Papers**

6.1 Not applicable.

## **7. Appendices**

7.1 Not applicable.

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

That the Committee:

- a) Notes the work of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust in enhancing natural capital and welcomes their continued and close involvement in developing the Local Nature Recovery Strategy; and
- b) Recommends the Council use the Natural Capital Strategy as the basis to develop a Natural Capital Investment Plan for Derbyshire.

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

9.1 To recognise the work of wider partners in enhancing natural capital, and to maximise the long term value of the Natural Capital Strategy.

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