COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 18 MAY 2018

REPORT OF THE

Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside

1. COUNTRY PARKS TRANSFORMATION - PHASE 2 APPROVALS

- 1.1. On 10 May the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside considered proposals for Phase 2 of the Country Parks Transformation (CPT) Programme.
- 1.2. The CPT programme aims to develop a suite of modern 21st Century Country Parks and includes all of the parks owned and managed by Hampshire County Council Lepe, Royal Victoria, Queen Elizabeth, Staunton, Manor Farm and Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve. Through capital investment and external funding the parks will attract more people from Hampshire, and beyond, to visit more often, stay longer, spend more and return.
- 1.3. Phase 2 of the CPT Programme incorporates transformation of the Empire Room at Royal Victoria Country Park into a larger, more open restaurant area. At Manor Farm and Staunton Country Park, work to improve the existing farm attraction and exotic animal exhibit is planned alongside exciting proposals to create a 'Peter Rabbit' themed, indoor play experience for younger visitors to the Park.
- 1.4. The Country Parks Transformation programme is a once in a generation opportunity to transform the County Council's country parks in order for them to remain relevant to current and future visitors; deliver significant improvements; maximise investment and partnership funding; and collectively become operationally cost neutral.

Further details can be found at the link below:

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