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REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 9 JANUARY 2023

REPORT ON: LOCAL NATURE RESERVE BOUNDARY AT RIVERSIDE NATURE PARK

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO. 6-2023

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To gain Committee approval for changes to the Local Nature Reserve boundary at Riverside Nature Park.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that approval be given for the de-declaration of the of the Inner Tay Estuary Local Nature Reserve within the Dundee City Council boundary.

2.2 It is recommended that this committee approves the proposal to declare Riverside Nature Park as a new Local Nature Reserve (and instructs the Executive Director of City Development to take forward the process of declaration).

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There will be expenditure of £500 associated with this report which can be contained within existing revenue budgets.

4. MAIN TEXT

4.1 Under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act (1949), Planning Authorities have the power to declare Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) in Scotland. The process is supported Nature Scot who provide advice and guidance.

4.2 The Inner Tay Local Nature Reserve was declared in 1996, by both Perth and Kinross and Dundee City Council. The extent of the LNR is primarily located in Perth and Kinross and was established to protect foreshore and reed beds situated along the north bank of the Tay. Its establishment was well before the creation of Riverside Nature Park in 2011 and the boundaries of the LNR and Nature Park do not align (Appendix 1).

4.3 Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) have recently advised Dundee City Council (DCC) officers of their intention to de-declare the Inner Tay Estuary Local Nature Reserve within their administrative boundary. Having considered the impact of this on the area of the LNR within DCC's boundary and acknowledging the misalignment of the LNR and park boundary, it is recommended that the Council also de-declare the Inner Tay Estuary Local Nature Reserve alongside PKC. The extent of the Inner Tay Local Nature Reserve is already the subject of national and international biodiversity designations which confer greater protection.

4.4 De-declaring the Inner Tay Local Nature Reserve presents the Council with an opportunity to declare a new Local Nature Reserve across the entirety of Riverside Nature Park, giving recognition to its importance for local biodiversity. Appendix 2 shows the extent of the proposed LNR.

4.5 Riverside Nature Park is currently listed as a Key Site in Dundee's Biodiversity Action Plan as it contains a number of priority habitats and key species and has an active 'Friends of' group. The park is also the recipient of a Green Flag and an LNR designation would complement this award.

4.6 Both Nature Scot and the Friends of Riverside Nature Park are supportive of the proposal.

4.7 The declaration of Riverside Nature Park as a Local Nature Reserve will also require to be reflected as part of the process of reviewing the Dundee Local Development Plan.

5. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This report has been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment to identify impacts on Equality & Diversity, Fairness & Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. An impact, positive or negative, on one or more of these issues was identified. An appropriate senior manager has checked and agreed with this assessment. A copy of the Integrated Impact Assessment showing the impacts and accompanying benefits of/ mitigating factors for them is included as an Appendix to this report.

6. **CONSULTATIONS**

6.1 The Council Leadership Team have been consulted on the preparation of this report and agree with its contents.

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 None.

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Appendix 1:



-  Current Riverside Nature Park Boundary
-  Current DCC Inner Tay Estuary LNR Boundary

Appendix 2.



Integrated Impact Assessment

Committee Report Number: 6-2023

Document Title: Local Nature Reserve Boundary at Riverside Nature Park

Document Type: Other

Description:

This report outlines the recommendations for changes to Local Nature Reserve boundaries surrounding Riverside Nature Park and the reasons for these recommendations.

Intended Outcome:

To gain Committee approval for changes to the Local Nature Reserve boundary at Riverside Nature Park.

Period Covered: 05/12/2022 to 03/07/2023

Monitoring:

NA

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Integrated Impact Assessment

Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

Impacts & Implications

Age: No Impact

Disability: No Impact

Gender Reassignment: No Impact

Marriage & Civil Partnership: No Impact

Pregnancy & Maternity: No Impact

Race / Ethnicity: No Impact

Religion or Belief: No Impact

Sex: No Impact

Sexual Orientation: No Impact

Are any Human Rights not covered by the Equalities questions above impacted by this report?

No

Fairness & Poverty

Geographic Impacts & Implications

Strathmartine: No Impact

Lochee: No Impact

Coldside: No Impact

Maryfield: No Impact

North East: No Impact

East End: No Impact

The Ferry: No Impact

West End: No Impact

Household Group Impacts and Implications

Looked After Children & Care Leavers: No Impact

Carers: No Impact
Lone Parent Families: No Impact
Single Female Households with Children: No Impact
Greater number of children and/or young children: No Impact
Pensioners - single / couple: No Impact
Unskilled workers or unemployed: No Impact
Serious & enduring mental health problems: No Impact
Homeless: No Impact
Drug and/or alcohol problems: No Impact
Offenders & Ex-offenders: No Impact

Household Group Impacts and Implications

Socio Economic Disadvantage Impacts & Implications

Employment Status: No Impact
Education & Skills: No Impact
Income: No Impact
Caring Responsibilities (including Childcare): No Impact
Affordability and accessibility of services: No Impact
Fuel Poverty: No Impact
Cost of Living / Poverty Premium: No Impact
Connectivity / Internet Access: No Impact
Income / Benefit Advice / Income Maximisation: No Impact
Employment Opportunities: No Impact
Education: No Impact
Health: No Impact
Life Expectancy: No Impact
Mental Health: No Impact
Overweight / Obesity: No Impact
Child Health: No Impact
Neighbourhood Satisfaction: No Impact
Transport: No Impact

Environment

Climate Change Impacts

Mitigating Greenhouse Gases: No Impact
Adapting to the effects of climate change: No Impact

Resource Use Impacts

Energy efficiency & consumption: No Impact
Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling of waste: No Impact
Sustainable Procurement: No Impact

Transport Impacts

Accessible transport provision: No Impact
Sustainable modes of transport: No Impact

Natural Environment Impacts

Air, land & water quality: No Impact
Biodiversity: Positive
Designating Riverside Nature Park as a Local Nature reserve will benefit local biodiversity.
Open & green spaces: Positive
Riverside Nature Park will be protected as a greenspace through local planning designation.

Built Environment Impacts

Built Heritage: No Impact

Housing: No Impact

Is the proposal subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)?

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Corporate Risk

Corporate Risk Impacts

Political Reputational Risk: No Impact

Economic/Financial Sustainability / Security & Equipment: No Impact

Social Impact / Safety of Staff & Clients: No Impact

Technological / Business or Service Interruption: No Impact

Environmental: No Impact

Legal / Statutory Obligations: No Impact

Organisational / Staffing & Competence: No Impact

Corporate Risk Implications & Mitigation:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are "business as normal" risks and any increase to the level of risk to the Council

is minimal. This is due either to the risk being inherently low or as a result of the risk being

transferred in full or in part to another party on a fair and

equitable basis. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant impact

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