

REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER

TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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ALKINCOATS LOCAL NATURE RESERVE EXTENSION

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To ask members to grant a further extension to Alkincoats Local Nature Reserve.

RECOMMENDATION

Grant Alkincoats Local Nature Reserve Group permission to extend the reserve.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- (1) Improved green space provision.
- (2) Improved biodiversity.
- (3) Opportunity to secure external funding.

ISSUE

- At the meeting of Colne and District Committee on 12th March 2015 the Members granted permission for the extension of Alkincoats Nature Reserve in to the adjoining Council owned field.
- Members indicated to the committee of Alkincoats Nature Reserve Group that should they require a further extension this would be looked upon favourably.
- Alkincoats Nature Reserve Group installed a fence line along some of the extension boundary with the assistance of the Environmental Action Group. The LNR Group received 420 trees from the Woodland Trust which have been planted.
- The LNR Group are now in a position where they would like to seek permission to further extend the nature reserve for the remainder of the field (see attached plan).

- The LNR Group is currently working with Neighbourhood Services to update the LNR management plan. As part of this process a decision will be made with regard to the future management of the extension area.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: Granting this proposal contributes to the Replacement Pendle Plan (policy reference 4D).

Financial: None, although the LNR Group through the support of Pendle Borough Council may seek external funding for the future development of the area.

Legal: None

Risk Management: None

Health and Safety: None

Sustainability: Improved sustainable management of Council owned land.

Community Safety: None

Equality and Diversity: None

APPENDICES

Alkincoats Local Nature Reserve Map with proposed extension.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS



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