

AGENDA

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 26 January 2016

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT

1.	Milton Creek Country Park - Reptile and Amphibian Receptor Site	Pages 1 - 4
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Decision made by the Head of Property Services.

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RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

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NAME OF OFFICER MAKING DECISION (INCLUDING JOB TITLE) AND THE DECISION BEING MADE	<p>Anne Adams – Head of Property Services</p> <p>To agree to the use of Swale Borough Council owned land at Milton Creek Country Park as a reptile and amphibian receptor site and to authorise the signing of the S111 agreement.</p>
TITLE OF REPORT	Milton Creek Country Park – Reptile and Amphibian Receptor Site
DATE THE DECISION WAS TAKEN	26 January 2016
SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR DECISION	<p>The decision to use the Council land as a receptor site and to authorise the signing of the S111 deed is required to formally agree usage of the site, in order for KCC to complete the Planning Application.</p> <p>This decision is made under the Head of Property Services Delegation – “To enter into all 'de-minimis' Agreements”.</p>
BACKGROUND	<p>In July 2015 the Planning Committee raised no objection to the KCC Matter of an application by 4Evergreen Technologies Limited to install an advance thermal conversion and energy facility at Kemsley Fields Business Park.</p> <p>In order to facilitate the construction there is the requirement to mitigate the existing small populations of reptiles and amphibians and the Council have been asked to provide a receptor site shown in Plan 2.</p> <p>Following surveys both of the construction site and the proposed receptor site by Naturally Wild Consultants Limited, it has been established that there is capacity for translocation and indeed this has the benefit that it will increase species numbers and gene pool of the existing population in Milton Creek Country Park.</p> <p>The Council will not be financially burdened with monitoring or maintenance costs as any requirements will be undertaken by 4Evergreen Technologies Limited.</p>

DETAILS OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	Not to agree to Swale Borough Council Land being used for this purpose – Given the population sizes of reptiles within the receptor site and the low numbers to translocate, this proposal is only likely to have a positive impact both in species numbers and through the diversification of the gene pool of the existing population.
DETAILS OF ANY CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN	James Freeman – Head of Planning The receptor site is part of the Milton Creek Country Park. It has no prospect of any significant development apart from that which may be ancillary to its functions as a country park. In this respect there are no implications regarding the current saved policies of the Adopted Local Plan or the emerging Local Plan. The site is ideally suited as a receptor site.
DETAILS OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS	None
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