

Agenda item 4

For decision: Management & Improvement Plans for The Roundhouse and Welshmill
(including the Pump Track and Welshmill Woods)

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Background

As part of a comprehensive site-by-site review of all the spaces we look after, we've drafted updated management plans for The Roundhouse and Welshmill.

These plans include identified next steps for both of these areas.

A new format for our plans

The format for the draft plans at Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 is different to that of previous plans – and is something that is already being used for the parks and green spaces that we look after.

As discussed and explained at the last Council Matters meeting in June, the format and content of the plan includes important details, like the main habitat typology, but the plans aren't intended to be daunting or overly technical.

Rather, the starting aim for our plans is that they're straightforward, informative and engaging – and make you want to head outdoors to explore the town's parks and green spaces. We also try to design our plans so they fit neatly onto a single side of A3 or A4 paper to make them readable and easy to print and take with you.

Our larger and more strategic sites also have a supporting visual plan; which in turn supports signage on site. The supporting visual plan for Welshmill will be professionally drawn up following this meeting.

There will be a slide and introductory presentation and Cllrs are asked to consider and adopt the plans for The Roundhouse and Welshmill

From Autumn 2017 onwards the Environment Team will implement both plans (including the commission and production of a supporting visual plan for Welshmill).

Recommendations

1. Adopt the proposed management plan for The Roundhouse
2. Adopt the proposed management plan for Welshmill
3. Note the scheduled review dates for both sites