

# Scrutiny Briefing Note

## Cleethorpes Country Park

At its panel meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel asked for information regarding future maintenance of the Cleethorpes Country Park. This was requested following local concern about the current maintenance of the park.

The park was given Local Nature Reserve (LNR) status in 2008 and the council is working on producing a new management plan. We would like to reassure Members that the Council continues to undertake both routine and emergency/essential maintenance but recognises that some aspects of the park have fallen below the standard we would hope to achieve.

Maintenance of the Country Park is shared across several service areas including Grounds Maintenance, Assets and Ecology teams.

A number of work plans are currently being explored, for example, reed maintenance, bridges, signage and viewing points. A site visit has also been scheduled to consider the overall maintenance of the park and in particular the former toilet building which has been raised specifically to understand any issues that need addressing.

We are also considering alternative ways to increase investment in the park to address some of the issues raised.

Due to the enormous amount of rainfall, we have encountered, some footpaths have been subject to flooding and those areas which are frequently visited have become muddy. The water table is also very high at the moment, a problem not exclusive to this area but observed across the borough and UK. Unfortunately, we do not currently have a solution to this problem.

We welcome feedback from park users and local individuals and groups who are active within their communities. If there is an appetite to work together to improve the Country Park, we would be pleased to hear from you.

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