

Report to: Governance Committee

Date of meeting: 26 January 2021

By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Title: Bylaws for Local Nature Reserves

Purpose: To seek the Committee's agreement to East Sussex County Council delegating its powers to make bylaws in relation to land at Church Wood, Ninfield designated as a Local Nature Reserve

RECOMMENDATION: The Governance Committee is recommended to recommend the County Council to:

- (1) agree the delegation to Ninfield Parish Council of the Council's power under sections 20 and 21(4) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 to make bylaws in relation to land at Church Wood designated as a local nature reserve; and**
 - (2) delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to enter into agreements and to take any necessary actions in respect of the above recommendation.**
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1 Background Information

1.1 On 18 January 2021, the Lead Member for Transport and Environment agreed to the delegation of the County Council's power to designate Local Nature Reserves (an executive function) to Ninfield Parish Council under Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Arrangement for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012. This delegation was made in respect of land at Church Wood, Ninfield.

1.2 The Lead Member for Transport and Environment also recommended that the Governance Committee agree to the delegation of the Council's power under sections 20 and 21(4) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act which set out the County Council's power to make bylaws for the protection of an Local Nature Reserve (a non-executive function).

2 Supporting Information

2.1 Appendix 1 is the report presented to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment. This sets out why the delegation of the Council's power to designate a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) has been made to Ninfield Parish Council and why the delegation of the Council's power to make bylaws in respect to land designated as a LNR is being sought.

3 Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

3.1 For the reasons set out in the report, including Appendix 1, it is recommended that the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

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