

Downs Committee
29th June 2020

Delegations – Sub-Groups

Report of the Clerk to the Downs Committee

Purpose of Report

To request that the Committee considers a proposal to abolish the Movement and Place Sub-Group and replace it with Task and Finish Groups to be set up by the Downs Committee as required. It is also proposed that the current Events and Finance Sub-Group continues to operate in its current form.

Movement and Place Sub-Group

Background

Following the decisions at the Special Downs Committee on Monday 20th January 2020 to proceed with the Leisure Loop and A3170 schemes, the Movement and Place Sub-Group will have far less work than it has currently. The last meeting on Wednesday 26th February 2020 lasted only 35 minutes.

Proposed Future Arrangements

Therefore, it is proposed that the Movement and Place Sub-Group is abolished and that in future all issues in this area of work would be dealt with as required by the Downs Committee setting up on each occasion a Task and Finish Group.

Task and Finish Group

The Committee would set up a Task and Finish Group each time it was required with a size, membership and duration dependent on the need in each case.

This group would have instructions to report back to the main Committee to make the final decision.

In the meantime, the residual work that is being prepared for the Leisure Loop and A3170 schemes will continue to be done by the parties meeting informally as required until they are ready to report back to the main Committee.

Current Membership

This Sub-Group has operated informally for a number of years but was formally established at the last Annual meeting of the Downs Committee on Monday 18th November 2019. The current membership of the Movement and Place Sub-Group is as follows:

Councillors: Peter Abraham, Don Alexander and Paula O'Rourke

Merchant Venturer Representatives: Jonathon Baker, Gillian Camm and Tim Ross

Also Attending: Mandy Leivers – Avon Gorge and Downs Wildlife Project

The Chair for the two meetings since it was established has been elected on a meeting by meeting basis.

Events and Finance Sub-Group

It is proposed that the Events and Finance Sub-Group would continue to operate as currently ie with 4 Councillor and 4 Merchant Venturer Representatives and the Master acting as Chair.

The current membership of this Sub-Group was also confirmed at the Annual Downs Committee meeting on Monday 18th November 2019 and is as follows:

Ross Ancell (Chair) – Master and Merchant Venturer

Jonathon Baker – Merchant Venturer

Peter Rilett – Merchant Venturer

Tim Ross – Merchant Venturer

Councillor Peter Abraham
Councillor Don Alexander
Councillor Barry Clark
Councillor Paula O'Rourke

The Lord Mayor and Master support these proposals and have requested that this report is prepared for consideration at the Downs Committee.

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to approve the proposal to abolish the Movement and Place Sub-Group with immediate effect and replace it with Task and Finish Groups as required by the Committee and as indicated above.

It is recommended that the Events and Finance Sub-Group continues under the existing arrangements set out above.