

North East Derbyshire District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 18 December 2025

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3	Environment Scrutiny Committee Review on Wingerworth Lido	<p><u>RESOLVED –</u></p> <p><u>Wingerworth Lido</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Cabinet approved the exploration of interim arrangements to reinstate angling at the earliest opportunity, prior to the completion of the Biodiversity Improvement Plan. Any reinstatement must be subject to robust management processes to ensure compliance with statutory duties and to prevent further degradation of the site, as advised by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. 2. That the Council continued to undertake maintenance of the site and continues to allow Clay Cross Angling Association to inspect water quality and the welfare of their fish. 3. That Cabinet recognised the strong support for angling evidenced through the scrutiny review and public consultation and seeks to secure fishing as a long-term activity on the site beyond any interim arrangements, ensuring that all fishing activities and 	<p><u>Wingerworth Lido</u></p> <p>Committee recognise that the Council has a statutory duty, and any further degradation of the Lido will have an impact on the Authority. Members were pleased to hear that the Council has procured a Biodiversity Improvement Plan through Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, to identify areas for improvement.</p> <p>The review process highlighted that many people, not just local residents, value the Lido and appreciate the natural surroundings it offers.</p> <p>Views from the public and stakeholders were that they wanted the Lido to remain an area for recreational use with some expressing how visiting the Lido helps support mental health problems, relaxation and social interaction.</p> <p>Residents and stakeholders were supportive in the need to improve biodiversity</p>	<p>Not progressing with the recommendations would not best serve the stakeholders and members of public interested in the matter.</p> <p>However, the Committee recognise that the Council has a statutory duty so improvements to the Lido must be made so any recommendations taken forward must not cause further degradation to the Lido or go against Council Statutory Duties.</p>

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		<p>associated management contribute positively to biodiversity improvement.</p> <p>4. That Cabinet asked officers to explore examples of best practice with other organisations on the running of an angling site i.e. Wingerworth Parish Council, Earl of Harrington's Angling Club (Derby City Council).</p> <p>5. That Cabinet supported the enhancement of biodiversity at the Lido and recognises there may be financial investment required to deliver the Biodiversity Improvement Plan.</p> <p>6. That Cabinet recognised the consultation feedback highlighting the need to enhance the area for greater accessibility, including improvements such as better pathways, seating, and educational signage to benefit children and those with mobility issues.</p> <p>7. That the Council continues to work with stakeholders to develop an</p>	<p>at the Lido.</p> <p>Members recognised that there was a strong appetite to reinstate angling and from the responses received from residents/stakeholders there was nothing to suggest that angling and biodiversity could not work together, if managed properly.</p> <p>The review highlighted that a more collaborative management approach was required to balance the needs of different users.</p> <p>Members agreed that interim arrangements for the management of the Lido must continue, to prevent any further degradation and to ensure the upkeep of the grounds and pond.</p> <p>The Committee recognised that, for angling be reinstated, the drafting of a new agreement for fishing rights either interim or longer term will take a period of time to both negotiate and</p>	

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		<p>independent group (the same concept of a 'Friends of Group'), including the Parish Council, other local interest groups, and for the Group to be a consultee on the Biodiversity Improvement Plan and participate on implementation.</p> <p>8. That the Biodiversity Improvement Plan is submitted to the Environment Scrutiny Committee upon its completion.</p> <p>9. That the Environment Scrutiny Committee be informed of progress in terms of angling in the short-term and long-term.</p> <p><u>AMB</u></p> <p>1. That the Council provide training for all elected Members to understand the process of the AMB, and for them to be informed on the role they play in the Ward Member consultation process.</p>	<p>agree. Also, the decision to enter any such agreement isn't just for the Council, it would be for the Angling Club too. Whilst the Council have done some proprietary work with both DWT and the Angling Trust, it is likely any new agreement won't be in place until early in the new year.</p> <p>Overall, the Committee recognised it was clear that despite individual views, everyone wants what is best for the Lido.</p> <p><u>AMB</u></p> <p>Committee were satisfied that the decision-making process undertaken by the AMB was compliant with the Council's Constitution.</p> <p>Committee recognised that elected Members may not understand the process of the AMB, and the role they play in the consultation process.</p>	

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		2. An Annual Report on Asset Management decisions be submitted to Cabinet going forward, with the report being “open” to enable greater transparency of asset related decisions made.	Members expressed concerns around the transparency of decisions made by the AMB, and felt this could be improved.	