

**Summary of Community Impact Assessment (including a Health Impact Assessment if applicable) for Countryside Estate Review**

	<b>Impact Assessment</b>	
<b>SCC's Priority Outcomes &amp; Impact Areas</b>	<b>Impact: (positive / neutral / negative)</b>	<b>Provide brief detail of impact</b>
Prosperity, knowledge, skills, aspirations	positive	<p>The estate already makes a significant contribution to inward investment and providing green infrastructure to make Staffordshire an attractive place to live and invest. Many businesses are directly based on or use the country parks. This includes the business units at Chasewater as well as Entrust and numerous concessions. The hosting of events such as Ironman brings in additional visitors supporting the tourist economy. Many of the volunteers are looking for work experience and many go one into fulltime employment or training.</p> <p>Many of the options are concerned with growing the volunteer offer. The review's aim to secure a sustainable future for the estate should ensure that these impacts are maintained for the future.</p>
Living safely	positive	<p>The estate provides many opportunities for human connection and social interaction, not least members of the public using them for social gatherings. Many sports clubs and other interest groups utilise the estate. The Friends of Groups and volunteering opportunities provide valuable social interaction. The review seeks to co-design the future with communities and co-production can only increase the value of the estate in its contribution to social well-being and cohesion.</p>
Supporting vulnerable people	positive	The parks provide a variety of

		<p>'managed access' opportunities such as Newcastle Countryside Project at Apedale and Forest of Mercia at Chasewater. In addition many other vulnerable groups access the estate in a private capacity or through a variety of third party enterprises. In the case of Apedale and Chasewater they offer valuable green space for some of the most deprived communities in Staffordshire. As part of the consultation views will be sought on how the benefits that the estate makes for vulnerable people can be maximised.</p>
Supporting healthier living	positive	<p>The countryside estate in total probably represents the largest area of public access and amenity land in Staffordshire. It hosts an extensive range of informal and formal recreational and sporting activities.</p> <p>Work is ongoing with colleagues in Public Health to capture the health benefits the estate provides and will be included in the CIA going forward. A sustainable future for the estate would ensure these benefits are maintained and developed.</p>
Highways and transport networks	neutral	<p>The review will not have any immediate impact on the network. Increased footfall will be mainly due to increased population which will need to be assessed more widely.</p>
Learning, education and culture	positive	<p>The countryside estate offers a valuable learning environment including Forest Schools, school visits and other activities such as Duke of Edinburgh Awards. The Outdoor Education Centre at Chasewater is situated within the park. Although due to financial pressures the county council can deliver less educational activities directly such as school visits and guided walks opportunities are still being delivered where external</p>

		<p>funding can be obtained such as the recent community archaeological excavation of the Messines Model on Cannock Chase. Many of the sites also have important remains of their industrial heritage such as the lime kilns at Froghall. The review is looking at working with partners who also offer educational activities to create additionality.</p>
Children and young people	neutral	<p>The countryside estate provides numerous recreational, social and education opportunities for young people. It is not anticipated that the transformation of the countryside offer will have any specific impact on these age groups.</p>
Citizens and decision making, improved community involvement	positive	<p>The countryside estate is very community facing and through “Friends of Groups” and other volunteers communities already play an important part in its management and maintenance. Many of the options would allow for more co design and co-production with communities. Communities have been engaged through the parish councils and any options will be subject to full public consultation.</p>
Physical environment including climate change	neutral - negative	<p>The Ecosystem Services study of the country parks has demonstrated that they provide considerable natural services such as improving air quality, carbon sequestration and flood regulation. Many of the sites provide valuable ecological habitats and are managed to enhance and protect these, such as the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) on Cannock Chase. The environmental requirements of the sites will need to be carefully considered against the different options to ensure suitable management arrangements remain in place.</p>

		Some options would deliver improvements through additional resources, while others may result in reduced specialist input. Any increase of visitor footfall will need to be carefully managed to ensure that the impact on the environment is minimised.
Maximisation of use of community property portfolio	positive	The key aspiration of the review is to look at a sustainable future for the countryside estate at less cost to the public purse whilst ensuring it still fully contributes to the outcomes.
<b>Equalities Impact</b>	<b>Impact: (positive / neutral / negative)</b>	<b>Provide brief detail of impact</b>
Age	neutral	The Countryside Estate is a universal asset provided for all. The critical success factors ensure that this will remain the same and many of the options involve co-design and co-production so the benefit and opportunities can be maximised
Disability	neutral	
Ethnicity	neutral	
Gender	neutral	
Religion / Belief	neutral	
Sexuality	neutral	
<b>Impact / Implications</b>		
<b>Resource and value for money</b> (in consultation with finance representatives)	Resource implications arising from the re-positioning of the countryside offer will be addressed as the review is further developed and rolled out. Due regard will need to be made to the existing savings target of £110k and an aspiration for an overall net reduction in cost for the next five years.	
<b>Risks identified and mitigation offered</b> (see corporate risk register categorisation)	A full Risk Assumptions Issues Dependencies (RAID) Log has been produced.	
<b>Legal imperative to change</b> if applicable (in consultation with legal representative)	Country Parks are not a statutory duty but their management and maintenance brings with it numerous statutory obligations. Full due diligence is being undertaken in this regard to ensure that any options would still meet statutory obligations.	