

Duchess Wood WIAT Application Update

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on the status of the initial application to the Forestry Commission (FC), *Woods In and Around Town Urban Woodland Management Plan* fund.
- 1.2 An application was submitted to the FC on 31-May-2017 in request of retrospective funding towards the time and resources required to develop a management plan for the Local Nature Reserve. The application was approved on 6-July-2017 and further to contract agreement, the plan preparation grant of £1,299.75 has now been received.
- 1.3 This initial funding demonstrates the FC's support for the content of the management plan, and now allows for subsequent grant applications to be considered by the FC, based on existing management plan content and accompanying concept designs.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that members note the contents of this report.

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Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve
Committee

DEVELOPMENT AND
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3.0 INTRODUCTION

3.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the award from the
Forestry Commission (FC) and the Woodland Management Plan (WMP) fund.

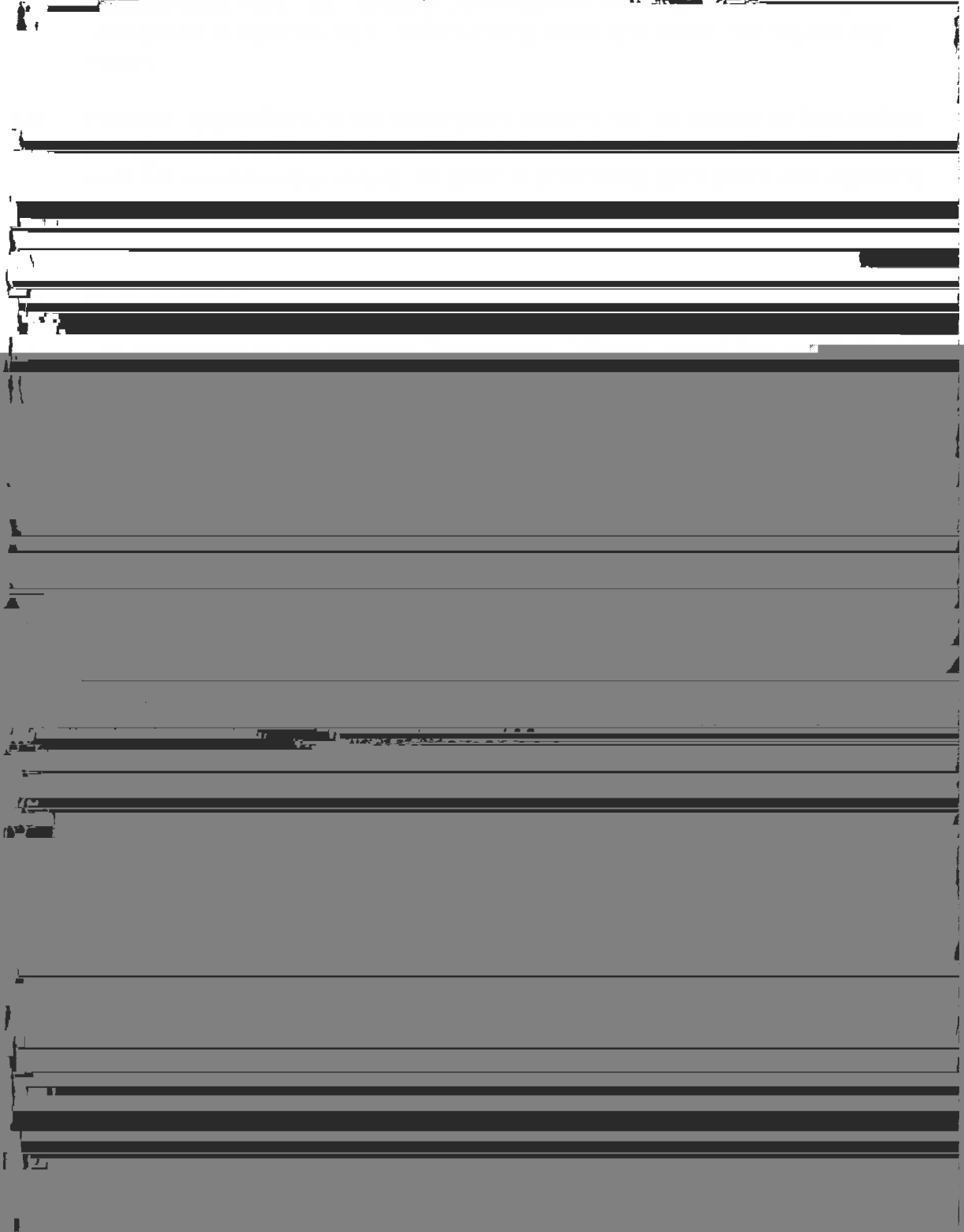
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Woodland Management Plan fund.

The application was approved on 6 July 2017 and further to contract agreement

The current Management Agreement is due to expire in 2020 and it therefore should be noted that the Woodland Management Plan outruns the current Management Agreement.

- 5.5 The approval of the Woodland Management Plan opens up further opportunity to apply for additional funds from wider Forestry Commission Woodland Improvement Grants, which would allow for the implementation of the Woodland Management Plan. The Forestry Commission's wider work includes



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