

**COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ECONOMY AND GROWTH) –
9th February 2016**

ANNUAL MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR COUNTRYSIDE ASSETS

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economy and Growth) was presented the Annual Management Plans for Countryside Assets. The Panel was informed that the management plans assesses the amenity and wildlife value of all the Countryside Service's assets as well as what department or agency is best placed to manage those assets.

The Panel are pleased that the Management Plans zones the assets and that the departments responsible for actions within each zone are clearly identified. Members have however asked if site plans could be included in future updates.

Following a discussion on the workload of the Countryside Service and the requirement for streamlining Members asked if each asset could be ranked in order of amenity and wildlife value so that, if necessary, priority could be given according to the rank.

The Panel recommends that,

- 1) An update on the Management Plans be submitted to the June 2016 meeting of the Panel.
- 2) Site plans be included in a future update.
- 3) Each asset is ranked in order of amenity and wildlife value with rankings submitted regularly.