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Agenda Item 10

England National Committee 2 February 2017

Paper 04/17

FOREST HOLIDAYS AND CAMPING IN THE FOREST REPORT

Purpose

1. To provide the Board with an update on operational developments with Forest Holidays (FH) and Camping in the Forest (CITF) and to help ensure that information on new developments is brought to the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Forest Holidays update

Site Selection

2. This current phase of site selection has scoped in excess of 200 blocks of woodland to achieve the current output. Site visits have resulted in a recommendation to take the following locations through the formal assessment process established by EMGN4a.

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Planning

5. The Delamere planning application, which also includes the reorganisation of the Forest Enterprise existing visitor hub, has now gone through a pre-planning close hearing and will go to the full West Cheshire Planning Committee 7 March 2017. Both FE and FH are positive about the chances of securing approval but do not know whether it will again get called in for a Secretary of State determination.

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CITF update

Business Performance

CITF has performed

Site Development

9. The development of a new CITF site at Sherwood Pines is continuing to progress with a full planning application expected soon. If approved the site likely to be open for Spring 2018.

We are continuing discussion with CITF management team about other possible new sites around our forests

11. Recommendations

12. The National Committee is invited to note the information included in this paper

Simon Hodgson, Chief Executive FEE January 2017