

**Grounds and Environmental Services Committee**

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**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

**Title:** Ouzel Meadow Management

**Purpose of the Report:** To receive and consider a request from The Greensand Trust in extending their Higher-Level Stewardship agreement with Natural England.

**Contact Officers:** Ian Haynes, Head of Grounds and Environmental Services.

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Corporate Objective/s		Objective #46
<b>Implications:</b>		
<b>Financial</b>	√	£3,270 to be met from 4113/230 (Countryside/Conservation Management)
<b>Risk management</b>		None
<b>Operational/service delivery</b>		None
<b>Legal/compliance</b>		None

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Should members be minded, the recommendation is:

- 1.1 To note the report.
- 1.2 To consider and approve as landowner the extension of the Higher-Level Stewardship held by The Greensand Trust for up to a further 3 years and contribute £3,270 per annum to The Greensand Trust.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Greensand Trust have held an entry level plus higher-level stewardship (HLS) agreement ref AG00332670 with Natural England (NE) since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010.
- 2.2 The total value of the agreement over ten years is £35,074.50. The Greensand Trust has been approached by NE to extend the HLS agreement for up to a further 3 years and as landowner requires the Town Council's permission to

extend.

- 2.3 However, The Greensand Trust have indicated a number of areas of costs not covered by the HLS, which they have had to absorb. They require an annual payment of £3,270, to be made by the Town Council in addition to income received by them from NE.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 Should Members be minded to approve this extension, the meadows will remain in the HLS.

**End.**