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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 updateSite Selection

2. Work has been progressing to develop the next phase of pipeline sites; with greater pre selection actions to support sites through EMGN4a. Joint site visits now form part of that process to garner a greater buy in from local teams and Forest Holidays – before Districts commence a full assessment through EMGN4a.

3. The first round of sites visits commence on September 12-13 visiting sites across North District and Yorkshire. By end of December 2016 six new sites across England will be at varying stages within the site assessment process, more details of these will be brought to the next meeting.

Third Party Sites

4. Woburn Heads of Terms have now been developed to ensure that any future aspiration for this site sits within the property model currently operated elsewhere by Forest Holidays. The rent structure has been negotiated as a % of gross site rent to ensure value going forward with the provision of market rent review.

Planning

5. The Delamere planning application, which also includes the reorganisation of the existing visitor hub, has now been officially registered by the planning authority with an anticipated target date for determination of 1 December. This date is not fixed and if the application is determined by Committee then we are reliant upon the relevant Committee dates and, at present, the dates for the end of the year / start of next year are: 6/12/16; 10/01/17 & 7/02/17.

Framework Agreement

6. Work is ongoing to refine the scope for revisions to the Framework Agreement – with an anticipated date for completion being 31 March 2017.

CITF update

Site Selection

7. Work is progressing to develop a structure for site assessment similar to that already in place for FH – whereby we can programme investment activity into the future with greater certainty.

8. Districts are watching developments closely at Sherwood – with major interest at both Dalby and Hamsterley.

9. The first phase of the Sherwood Site development has been initiated with CITF.

10. Recommendations

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

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