

United Utilities activity near Otterspool Road, Romiley

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1.1 To update members on the impact on Council owned greenspace following an incident involving a sewage spillage incident near Otterspool Road, Romiley involving a United Utilities (UU) infrastructure failure.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 The small field/meadow located off Otterspool Road, Romiley is part of the Greenspace portfolio and is managed by Stockport Council.
- 2.2 The site was identified for a new woodland creation in late 2022 and during site assessments a sewage leak was identified which was reported to UU in February 2023. The creation of a woodland creation on this site was postponed.

UU undertook a site assessment and identified that some infrastructure which had failed and they subsequently arranged a repair and site clear up which was undertaken in summer 2023 and later confirmed with the following statement *“UU are continuing to monitor the performance of the sewer network across the Otterspool Road area to gather info for any future projects”*, which has removed to issue of public safety and returned the site to previous condition.

- 2.3 The Council are committed to site management and so due to the easement for pipe access and the limited size available for planting, it will be maintained as a meadow and through future investment, enhanced to an improved wildflower meadow.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Committee Members note the information provided in relation to the United Utility repair and the continuing monitoring by United Utilities.
- 3.2 That Committee Members note that the site is now being managed as a meadow.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are None

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Anthony Crook on telephone number 0161 474 4572 or alternatively email anthony.crook@stockport.gov.uk

