



Subject:	Cave Hill Mountain Biking Pilot Update
Date:	5th December 2023
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

No

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After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To seek Members agreement to a short-term extension of the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place between the City Council and Cavehill Mountainbikers club.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree to a two-month extension of existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BCC and Cavehill Mountainbikers Club.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	On the 9 th of November 2021 People and Communities Committee agreed the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BCC and Cavehill Mountainbikers Club which has underpinned a Mountain Biking Pilot Project in Cavehill Country Park focusing on a partnership approach to the Club's management of the 'The Middle' trail (see Appendix 1).
3.2	The MOU agreement, which commenced on 20/12/21 for a two-year duration, states that longer-term extension of the agreement with the Club is "subject to successful conclusion (in the opinion of the Council) of the pilot focusing on 'The Middle' trail, "satisfactory review and evaluation and internal Council committee approval".
3.3	A project Oversight Board has met regularly throughout the pilot period comprising of representatives from BCC; Cavehill Mountainbikers Club; Belfast Hills Partnership; and Cavehill Conservation Trust. In line with the MOU, now that the December 2023 end date is approaching officers intend to evaluate the pilot project using the agreed evaluation framework and bring a final report to Committee.
3.4	Members are asked to agree to a two-month extension of the existing MOU between BCC and Cavehill Mountain bikers Club (Attachment 2). This extension to the MOU will enable that existing management arrangements with the Club to remain in place until the report detailing the findings of the evaluation and recommendations are brought to Committee in early 2024.
3.5	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> None.
3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments</u> There are no Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments associated with this report.

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – 9 th Nov 2021 P&C Report - 'MOU BCC and Cavehill Mountainbikers Club' Appendix 2 – BCC & CMB signed MOU 2021