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<b>Title of meeting:</b>	Culture, Leisure and Economic Development Decision Meeting
<b>Subject:</b>	Disaster Management Plan for the Butterfly House at Cumberland House Natural History Museum
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	16 November 2021
<b>Report by:</b>	Director of Culture, Leisure and Regulatory Services
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All

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**1. Requested by**

1.1 Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Economic Development

**2. Purpose**

2.1 To provide information regarding the management of the Butterfly House at Cumberland House Natural History Museum with respect to disaster planning and escaped butterflies.

**3. Information Requested**

- 3.1 Section 1A (viii) of the zoo license specifies the conservation measures that zoos, and small specialist collections such as aquaria and butterfly houses, are required to undertake with respect to preventing the escape of animals. This requires putting in place measures to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals, in this instance butterflies.
- 3.2 The ethics of displaying and sourcing exotic butterflies and duties of care towards them are referenced.
- 3.3 The perimeters of what constitutes the Butterfly House are defined.
- 3.4 The potential risks to butterflies (all stages) through escape, handling, diseases and pest, damage to the greenhouse, loss of power, fire / flood, power/utility outage and loss of food plants are identified and addressed.

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- 3.5 A flow chart with the procedure for managing escaped butterflies for within and outside the butterfly house perimeter is included in the plan.
- 3.6 The Disaster Management Plan for the Butterfly House is attached.

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Signed by  
**Stephen Baily**  
**Director of Culture, Leisure and Regulatory Services**

**Appendices:**  
Appendix 1 - Butterfly House, Cumberland House Natural History Museum  
Disaster Management Plan

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location