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LEADER IN THE SHROPSHIRE HILLS – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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Summary

This paper seeks Cabinet approval for the delegation of grant approvals to the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership, acting as the “Local Action Group” for delivery of LEADER funding in the Shropshire Hills area.

Recommendations

- A. Cabinet is recommended to approve delegation of grant approvals to the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership, enabling the formal Memorandum of Agreement to be signed.

Report

1. Shropshire Council acts as the accountable body for delivery of LEADER grant funding (part of the Rural Development Programme for England) in the Shropshire Hills area. This is totally externally funded. The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership acts as the “Local Action Group” providing the necessary partnership structures and engagements. Councillors Tim Barker, James Gibson, Heather Kidd and Cecilia Motley sit on the Partnership Board of the AONB.
2. The governance requirements of LEADER involve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Local Action Group and the accountable body – Shropshire Council.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership Terms of Reference

Grant offer letter from Advantage West Midlands

LEADER in the Shropshire Hills Local Development Strategy and Business Plan

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Environmental Appraisal

LEADER in the Shropshire Hills has a strong environmental approach in its priorities

Risk Management Appraisal

The Council has a signed contract in place with Advantage West Midlands for LEADER in the Shropshire Hills.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Extensive consultation has been carried out in the development of LEADER in the Shropshire Hills.

Cabinet Member

Malcolm Price

Local Member

Cllr Tim Barker, Cllr Tudor Bebb, Cllr David Evans, Cllr Roger A Evans, Cllr James Gibson, Cllr Nigel Hartin, Cllr Tracey Huffer, Cllr Heather Kidd, Cllr Peter Phillips, Cllr Madge Shingleton, Cllr Rosanna Taylor-Smith, Cllr Martin Taylor-Smith, Cllr Robert Tindall, Cllr Milner Whiteman, Cllr Claire M Wild

Appendix

None.