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Date: Monday, 26 February 2018

Committee:
Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership

Date: Tuesday, 6 March 2018
Time: 9.30 am
Venue: Shropshire Room, Craven Arms Community Centre, Newington Way,
Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9PS

You are requested to attend the above meeting.
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter
Corporate Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

Members of Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership

James Williamson (Chairman)	Sarah Bury
Ms Hilary Claytonsmith (Vice Chairman)	Veronica Cossons
Cecilia Motley (Vice Chairman)	Paul Davis
Heather Kidd	Ian Dormor
Robert Tindall	Patrick Edwards
David Turner	Carol Griffiths
Chris Turley	Robert Harris
Alison Caffyn	Alan Jones
George Chancellor	Sue Jones
John Long	Jenny Joy
Joe Manifold	Bill Klemperer
Andrew Wood	Sue Lee
Mr John Woolmer	Marc Liebrecht
Janine Hayter	Hazel MacDowell
Mark Hughes	David McGlade
Yvonne Holyoak	Mr David Mills
Steve Pennington	Mr Andy Pugh
Martin Pye	Ronald Repath
Caroline Bedell	David C. Smith
Gillian Binks	Leo Smith
Mike Brogden	Ms Donna Tavenor

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Tim Ward Committee Officer

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AGENDA

1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence

2 Minutes of the last meeting (Pages 1 - 6)

The note of the meeting held on 14 November 2017 is attached for confirmation

3 Defra feedback on Conservation Board request and next steps

To receive an update on the feedback from Defra for Conservation Board submission. [Report to follow]

4 AONB team work programme 2017-18 brief updates (Pages 7 - 10)

This paper updates Members on the AONB team work programme.

5 AONB team work programme and budget for 2018-19 (Pages 11 - 14)

This paper provides the 2018-19 budget and work programme which formed the basis of our funding submission to Defra at the end of January. A request is also made for the first time for core funding contributions from organisations on the Partnership.

6 Vacancies for Transition Board and for a Shropshire Hills AONB Trust Trustee (Pages 15 - 16)

This paper invites nominations for a vacancy on the Transition Board and one on the Shropshire Hills AONB Trust.

7 AONB Management Plan review

To receive a presentation on the state of the AONB with a workshop session on Plan priorities

8 NAAONB proposals for influencing new government environmental land management system

[Report to follow]

9 Date of Next Meeting

Members are reminded that the next meeting of the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership will be held on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at 9.30am (leading into the 60th anniversary celebration event).



Shropshire Hills AONB
Partnership

14 November 2017

9.30 am

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**MINUTES OF THE SHROPSHIRE HILLS AONB PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 14
NOVEMBER 2017
9.30 AM - 12.00 PM**

Responsible Officer: Tim Ward
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Present

Local Authorities

Shropshire Council

Cllr Heather Kidd
Cllr Cecilia Motley (Vice Chair)
Cllr David Turner

Statutory/Voluntary Agencies & Individual members

Individual Member	Alison Caffyn
Individual Member	George Chancellor
Individual Member	John Long
Individual Member	Joe Manifold
Individual Member	James Williamson (Chair)
Individual Member	Andrew Wood
Individual Member	John Woolmer
Town/ Parish Council representative	Hilary Claytonsmith
Town/ Parish Council representative	Janine Hayter
Town/ Parish Council representative	Mark Hughes
Town/ Parish Council representative	Steve Pennington
British Horse Society	Ronald Repath
Caring for God's Acre	Gill Binks
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Sarah Bury
Land Life & Livelihoods	Robert Harris
National Farmers Union	Carol Griffiths
National Trust	Patrick Edwards
Ramblers Association	Sue Jones
Offa's Dyke Association	David McGlade
Shropshire Hills Tourism	Paul Davis
Shropshire Wildlife Trust	Veronica Cossons
The Strettons Civic Society	Ian Dormor

Observers/Officers

Shropshire Council
Neil Willcox (Local Commissioning Manager)
Tim Ward (Committee Officer)

Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership staff team
Phil Holden (AONB Partnership Manager)

9 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

9.1 The Chair welcomed John Long, Joe Manifold, Mark Hughes, Paul Davis and David McGlade to their first meeting of the Partnership.

9.2 Apologies for absence were received from Bill Klemperer (Historic England), Sue Lee (Longmynd Bridleways Association), David Mills (SASTAK), Martin Pye (Parish Council Rep), David C. Smith (Shropshire Geological Society), Leo Smith (SOS/ Upper Onny Wildlife Group), Cllr Robert Tindall (Shropshire Council) and Cllr Chris Turley (Telford & Wrekin Council).

10 Minutes of the last meeting

10.1 The note of the meeting held on 13 June 2017 had been circulated.

10.2 RESOLVED

That the note of the meeting of the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership held on the 13 June 2017 be agreed as a true record.

11 Election of Chair, Vice Chairs and Transition Board Seats

11.1 The AONB Partnership Manager informed the meeting that one nomination had been received for the position of Chair of the Partnership.

RESOLVED

That Mr James Williamson be elected Chair of the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership for the forthcoming two years.

11.2 The AONB Partnership Manager reminded Members that there were 2 vacancies for the position of Vice Chairman, 1 for a Shropshire Councillor and one for a non-councillor, and that one nomination had been received for each category.

RESOLVED

That Cllr Cecilia Motley and Mrs Hilary Clayton-Smith be elected Vice-Chairs of the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership for the forthcoming two years.

- 11.3 The AONB Partnership Manager informed the meeting that there were 2 vacancies on the Transition Board and that one nomination had been received.

RESOLVED:

That Mr Andrew Wood be elected to serve on the Transition Board.

- 11.4 The AONB Partnership Manager reminded members that the Transition Board could co-opt a member of the Partnership to fill the vacant seat, and asked that if anyone was interested in joining the Transition Board to contact him after the meeting.

12 **Update on submission to Defra for Conservation Board**

- 12.1 The Chair advised the Partnership that there had been some further informal contact with Defra civil servants, but no formal response had yet been received. He added that as time went on with no decision there would be an increasing need to consider alternative possibilities.

13 **Our Common Cause - Uplands Commons Project**

- 13.1 Members received the report of the AONB Partnership Manager which updated them on the new Upland Commons Project.
- 13.2 The AONB Partnership Manager reminded members that the project was a national project which was led by the Foundation for Common Land, which would work on selected commons on Dartmoor, and in the Lake District, the Shropshire Hills and the Yorkshire Dales. There were three strands of work - 1) enabling collaborative management, 2) reconnecting people with commons and 3) improving public benefits. He advised the meeting that the three main commons the project would be working with in the Shropshire Hills were the Long Mynd, Clee Liberty and the Stiperstones, although there would be other opportunities for other commoners to be involved with the project. It was hoped that the Partnership would be contracted to provide the services of Cath Landles as the Shropshire Hills Area Facilitator for the project.
- 13.3 Several members welcomed the project and commented that it would raise the profile of commons and commoners.
- 13.4 Mrs Kidd commented that she had concerns as to whether there was enough capacity within the AONB Partnership Team to cope with the extra work. The AONB Partnership Manager advised her that there would need to be some adjustments of responsibilities and that recommendations would be brought to the Transition Board for additional new staff capacity.
- 13.5 The Chairman thanked the Partnership Manager for his report.

14 **Draft Shropshire Hills Sustainable Tourism Strategy consultation**

- 14.1 The meeting received the report of the AONB Partnership Manager which set out the draft Sustainable Tourism Strategy for the Shropshire Hills for 2017 – 22.
- 14.2 The AONB Partnership Manager reminded members that the Partnership facilitated the Destination Partnership for the Shropshire Hills, in conjunction with Shropshire Hills Tourism, and that it had acted as lead for the renewal of the strategy. He advised the meeting that an online survey of business had been carried out along with a consultation event. The draft of the strategy would be refined to take into account any comments and inputs from partners, prior to approval by the Destination Partnership in December prior to an application to renew the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas.
- 14.3 Members congratulated officers on a very comprehensive document and asked that the action plan arising from the strategy be circulated.
- 14.4 The Chairman thanked the AONB Partnership Manager for his report and asked members to feed any further comments to the AONB team as soon as possible.

15 **AONB Management Plan Review**

- 15.1 The meeting received the report of the AONB Partnership Manager which outlined the process and proposed timetable for the five year AONB Management Plan review.
- 15.2 The Partnership Manager reminded members that the Management Plan for 2019 – 2024 would need to be approved by the end of 2019 and took the meeting through the proposed process and timetable for the review.
- 15.3 The meeting received short presentations from the following members with the perspectives of their organisations on priorities for the Shropshire Hills for the next five years: Sarah Bury (CPRE), Paul Davis (Shropshire Hills Tourism), Emma Johnson (Natural England), Kezia Taylerson (Historic England), Neil Willcox (Shropshire Council), Mark Latham (Telford & Wrekin Council), Hilary Clayton-Smith (Church Stretton Town Council), Carol Griffiths (National Farmers Union), Veronica Cossons and John Hughes (Shropshire Wildlife Trust) and Patrick Edwards (National Trust).
- 15.4 Questions were raised about Visitor Information Centres and about informal roadside car parking. Mrs Kidd asked how the Management Plan review would feed into the Local Plan review especially around the type and number of housing. It was confirmed that an AONB Partnership response would be made to the Local Plan consultation.
- 15.5 Members agreed the proposed timetable.
- 15.6 The Chair thanked the Partnership Manager for all the work he had put in on the review.

16 **Date of Next Meeting**

- 16.1 Members were advised that the next meeting of the Partnership would be held on Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 9.30am.

Signed (Chairman)

Date:

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AONB TEAM WORK PROGRAMME 2017-18 BRIEF UPDATES

Responsible Officer Phil Holden, AONB Partnership Manager
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Summary

This paper updates Partnership members on key areas of recent activity.

Recommendation

The Partnership is recommended to comment on the topics raised.

Background

AONB team work programme 2017-18 brief updates

TAKING ACTION - on the ground and in our communities - to conserve and enhance natural beauty and to promote enjoyment and understanding.

Stiperstones & Corndon Hill Country Landscape Partnership Scheme (selected updates)

Short extensions have been agreed with HLF for some of the staff contracts - to end April and mid May. The office at Chirbury will be vacated at the end of March.

A final additional output will be the siting of a ropeway trestle at the Bog (a steel lattice tower from an aerial ropeway in Lancashire, very similar to the one which used to run from the Bog to Malehurst). Planning permission for this has been obtained, and the project is being led by Andrew Wood (LPS Chair) mainly through the Shropshire Caving and Mining Club.

The team are busy completing various project outputs, including some interpretation and publications.

Legacy arrangements for various activities are a priority, including support for independent groups (e.g. Marches Meadows Group) and fund-raising for continuation of the Curlew Country project, under new hosting with the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust from April.

Sessions held on evaluation with the LPS Board in Dec and January and report being written.

The LPS will be completed and wound up by mid May.

River Clun Recovery Project (WREN funded)

Contractors are under way at various sites but work on the ground has been affected by poor weather and ground conditions. There are 13 months left of the project overall.

Waiting on permits for boulder work and drinking bays at Recovery Site 1.

Additional work is being carried out for Environment Agency on a borehole water supply project, and a proposal to alleviate a highways drain run-off problem through a wetland.

Other Clun/Teme catchment delivery work

Habitat opportunity mapping is being carried out on the Upper Teme area for Natural England, as a paid contract.

Discussions with Woodland Trust and landowners on several sites for 'Morewoods' tree planting.

Sustainable Tourism delivery

Shuttles – the service has been re-tendered and prices submitted are higher than previously. A new provider has been selected.

Support to completion of EU funded tourism co-operation project, developing on-line marketing.

'Our Common Cause' Upland Commons project

Joy Howells started work on 15th January 2.5 days/week as the national Project Manager, based in our office. The contract has been secured for Cath to act as the Area Facilitator for the Shropshire Hills area, following submission of a detailed bid in a competitive tendering process. The contract is for a 20 month period for 10 days per month.

Education

John Muir Award work completed with Clunbury School and ongoing at Farlow.

Project development

Discussion ongoing re proposed Monument Volunteers project. Feedback from HLF on the project enquiry requires all sites which are to be worked on to be identified now, which is requiring further thought.

Involvement in a site visit meeting with National Trust specialists for Stepping Stones project.

Involvement in development workshop for potential social forestry project, with health sector.

Expression of Interest approved for Woodland Trust 'Trees Outside Woodlands' proposal.

Discussions with EA and partners on possible LIFE fund bid for Clun catchment.

INFLUENCING OTHERS - lead and champion the delivery of public benefits from the AONB, working strategically and collaboratively from policy to grassroots level.

AONB Management Plan

Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report published and work on State of AONB report.

AONB Trust, Conservation Fund and Friends of the Shropshire Hills AONB

2017-18 Conservation Fund claims are coming in and project ideas for 2018-19. The Panel is set for 22nd March and applications are being received. Funding criteria have been refined.

Meeting held with volunteers on Friends recruitment – Friends numbers currently 102.

Planning

A meeting was held with members of Shropshire CPRE regarding planning and ways to work more collaboratively.

Four members of the team attended a training session on Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment with members of Shropshire Council's South Planning team.

Local partnership working

Wrekin Forest Partnership meeting held 10th January.

The Shropshire Hills Destination Partnership at its meeting of 18th January approved the new Sustainable Tourism Strategy (deferred from before Christmas).

Clun Catchment Partnership meeting held 24th January.

Input to other strategies & schemes

The Sustainable Tourism Charter application was submitted end of February.

Communications & public awareness

A 60th anniversary badge has been developed and a plan of activities.

Several planning meetings have been held for the Hay Meadow Festival on Sat 7th July.

The 'Great Days' leaflet for 2018 has been published (Shropshire Hills Tourism).

Local authorities and Partnerships

James and Hilary met with George Candler on 15th Feb, principally to discuss funding for 2018-19.

Evidence base

Data analysis for 'State of the AONB' report.

Support for groups

The application to Natural England's Stewardship Facilitation Fund by Land Life & Livelihoods and the Upper Clun Community Wildlife group was successful.

MANAGING OUR BUSINESS - develop a robust, effective and financially sustainable AONB organisation.

Transition process to Conservation Board

One meeting of a Transition Board sub-group was held on 8th January.

Phil & James spoke to the LEP Director about Shropshire Council hosting arrangements for the Marches LEP team.

Resilient Heritage

A second Resilient Heritage application was submitted to HLF on 15th January with a total cash budget of £48,634, and grant requested of £38,100. £26,784 of the cost is towards the proposed 1.5 days/week Funding & Programmes Officer post. Consultancy is now £12,000, made up of one contract of £5,400 for 9 days work on support for business planning, communications planning and evaluation, and one of £6,600 for 12 days work on support to develop particular income streams.

AONB Team and office

Costs of business rates have been reduced through a successful challenge on rateable value, but rates for the unregistered unit have now been charged, including retrospectively.

National Association for AONBs

Steph attended the Communications Officers meeting in December.

Phil attended the Lead Officers meeting in Birmingham on 14-15th Feb.

List of Background Papers None.
Human Rights Act Appraisal The information in this report is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.
Environmental Appraisal The recommendation in this paper will contribute to the conservation of protected landscapes.
Risk Management Appraisal Risk management has been appraised as part of the considerations of this report.
Community / Consultations Appraisal The topics raised in this paper have been the subject of earlier consultations with Partnership members.
Appendices None



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AONB TEAM WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2018-19

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Summary

This paper provides the 2018-19 budget and work programme which formed the basis of our funding submission to Defra at the end of January. A request is also made for the first time for core funding contributions from organisations on the Partnership.

Recommendation

The Partnership is recommended to comment on the budget and work programme, and organisational members are requested where possible to seek a financial contribution towards the AONB core budget from their organisation.

Background

Core funding contributions. For some years now the combined local authorities' core contributions have been substantially below the 25% expected to match the Defra funding, leaving the Partnership with considerable targets of earned income to maintain basic core activities. While these targets have so far been met, the need to pursue earned income can sometimes be at the expense of other core work. The income target for the 2018-19 core budget is £42,425. The Transition Board in February therefore agreed a proposal that financial contributions into the core budget be requested from organisations on the AONB Partnership. The size and type of organisation represented varies enormously, so no suggested contribution is made, but contributions of any size will be gratefully appreciated. It is likely that this will be an ongoing request for support, but it is hoped that the organisations which are able to contribute will feel a greater buy in to AONB activity as funding partners. Possibilities are also being explored to develop relationships with Parish and Town Councils in the AONB to the extent that some of these may also feel able to contribute financially.

Budget notes. When the Defra bid was submitted, the extensions to the Landscape Partnership Scheme were not confirmed and so there are no budgets shown for this. There will in fact be costs in the first quarter of 2018-19 on the LPS. Overall, the finishing of the Scheme reduces our overall turnover by more than half. Developing new projects is proving to be slow work partly due to the time available, and work on the Management Plan review in 2018 will compound this.

List of Background Papers

The fuller Team Work Programme for 2018-19 submitted to Defra is available to members on request.

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The information in this report is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.

Environmental Appraisal

The recommendation in this paper will contribute to the conservation of protected landscapes.

Risk Management Appraisal

Risk management has been appraised as part of the considerations of this report.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

The topics raised in this paper have been the subject of earlier consultations with Partnership members.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership budget 2018-19, as bid to Defra

Appendix 2 Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership Team Work Programme 2018-19 Summary

Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership Budget 2018-19

<u>Expenditure</u>	2018-19	<u>Income</u>	2018-19	
	outline budget		outline budget	%
Staff costs (inclusive of NI, pension, training, T&S)	£209,073	Defra AONB Single Pot contribution	£192,884	69.2%
AONB Partnership Manager (full time)	£57,860	Shropshire Council core contribution	£40,830	14.6%
Natural Environment Officer (full time)	£39,362	Telford & Wrekin Council core contribution	£2,694	1.0%
Sustainable Tourism Officer (0.6 FTE)	£23,596			
Community & Landscape Officer (full time)	£39,312	Earned income required into core	£42,425	15.2%
Promotions Officer (0.6 FTE)	£21,067			
Administrator (0.68 FTE)	£15,685			
Funding & Programmes Officer (0.3 FTE) (proposed new post)	£12,191			
All posts by subjective	£209,073			
Salary	£154,637			
NI	£13,639			
Superannuation	£22,887			
Pension lump sum	£15,210			
Travel & Subsistence	£1,650			
Training	£1,050			
Office costs	£31,560			
Rent, electricity and broadband	£15,950			
Rates	£6,100			
Waste collection & cleaning materials	£860			
Office equipment & maintenance	£700			
Printing & stationery	£1,750			
Postage & telecommunications	£1,400			
Office vehicles	£4,800			
Support services (repayment to Shropshire Council)	£31,290			
Promotional Activity	£660			
Website hosting	£240			
Other promotion (in 16-17 Clun walks book for resale)	£240			
Friends of the Shropshire Hills AONB	£180			
Sustainable Business Network				
Partnership running costs	£6,250			
AONB Partnership and sub-groups	£1,200			
Subscriptions (NAAONB, Europarc Federation, etc)	£3,050			
Development work (structure)	£1,000			
Development work (projects)	£1,000			
CORE TOTAL	£278,833	CORE TOTAL	£278,833	
		Total Defra grant & overall rate	£192,884	69.2%
		Total Defra grant to allocate	£192,884	
OTHER ACTIVITY				
RIVERS		RIVERS		
Staff costs (inclusive of NI, pension, training, T&S)	£20,803	WREN Biodiversity Action Fund	£48,526	
Office costs & management	£2,226	Woodland Trust	£10,000	
Habitat restoration	£35,648	Volunteer activity (in kind)	£5,000	
Training & volunteer support	£490	Landowner contributions (in kind)	£3,188	
Survey & equipment	£83	Natural England match activity (agri-environment)	£16,250	
Woodland creation (Woodland trust supported)	£5,000	AONB Partnership cash match funding	£5,724	
Volunteer activity (in kind)	£5,000	Brought forward		
Landowner contributions (in kind)	£3,188			
Natural England match activity	£16,250			
Total	£88,688		£88,688	£0
SHUTTLES		SHUTTLES		
Long Mynd & Stiperstones service operating costs	£18,480	Ticket Income	£2,500	
Leaflet for next season	£900	Concessionary fare compensation	£4,300	
Extra promotion	£300	Shropshire Council contribution	£7,500	
Management fee	£924	National Trust	£5,000	
Miscellaneous running costs		Brought forward	£15,125	
		Carried forward	-£14,721	
		Passenger donations	£900	
Total	£20,604		£20,604	£0
GRAND TOTAL	£388,125	GRAND TOTAL	£388,125	

Area of work	Key actions and targets
TAKING ACTION - on the ground and in our communities - to conserve and enhance natural beauty and to promote enjoyment and understanding.	
River Clun Recovery Project (WREN funded)	Deliver year 4 project outputs: 1,333m riparian buffer strip, 3 willows pollarded, 50m revetment, riverbed restoration, 1,000 trees planted, 0.5ha woodland creation, 2.16ha aftercare of planted trees, 1 livestock watering system, 200m track restored, 1 gateway surfaced, 1 sediment trap, 1 watercourse crossing.
Stiperstones & Corndon Hill Country Landscape Partnership Scheme (HLF)	Complete wind-up and final reporting for the scheme, and any short extensions, if approved.
'Our Common Cause' Upland Commons project (national)	Support Foundation for Common Land with development phase of project, by providing office space for Project Manager, convening Shropshire Hills Area Group, and providing Area Facilitation role (subject to contract).
Sustainable Tourism delivery	Manage 2018 Long Mynd – Stiperstones Shuttles bus service & plan 2019. Pursue pilot 'supporter giving' project ' Caering for Caradoc '.
Develop Young People's project	Including John Muir Award, Young Rangers and Traineeship scheme.
Develop a Monument Volunteers project	Support local people to survey and care for heritage sites at risk.
INFLUENCING OTHERS - lead and champion the delivery of public benefits from the AONB, working strategically and collaboratively from policy to grassroots level.	
AONB Management Plan review	Undertake engagement, research and consultation for new Management Plan 2019-24. Continue delivery priorities for the team and with key partners. Follow up Shropshire Hills Uplands Forum and work with Uplands Alliance.
AONB Trust	Work closely with the Shropshire Hills AONB Trust to develop fund-raising.
Shropshire Hills AONB Conservation Fund	Support the AONB Trust to implement the fund through grants, and provide advice and support for projects.
Friends of Shropshire Hills AONB	Increase membership of Friends, working with the AONB Trust.
Planning	Comment on relevant LDF documents and key planning applications. Maintain links with local authority planning staff and members.
Local partnership working	Continue to lead Clun Catchment Partnership , input to Teme Partnership & Clun steering groups and support catchment management delivery. Support operation of the Shropshire Hills Destination Partnership . Support delivery of new Shropshire Hills Sustainable Tourism Strategy . Support development of ' Stepping Stones ' project and convene a new Partnership group for the Long Mynd - Stiperstones area. Operate and support local partnership structures including Wrekin Forest .
Input to other strategies & schemes	Provide input to at least 4 strategic consultations (non-planning). Comment on non-planning casework such as EIAs, watercourses and hedges.
Communications & public awareness	Celebrate AONB 60 th anniversary including joint celebration event 19 June. Update website and use social media . Publish 4 Enewsletters and Annual Review , give 10 talks . Hold Hay Meadow Festival 7 July.
Local authorities and Partnerships	Maintain links with relevant departments of each local authority. Input to Local Nature Partnership and other groups.
Evidence base	Collate data as part of Management Plan monitoring framework.
Guidance & strategy	Develop guidance page(s) on AONB website.
Support initiatives led by others	Support at least 15 projects and respond to requests for information.
Support for groups	Support 30 community groups in total (includes through activities above).
MANAGING OUR BUSINESS - develop a robust, effective and financially sustainable AONB organisation.	
Transition process to Conservation Board	Work with Transition Board and Defra regarding Conservation Board proposal, or alternative arrangements as necessary.
Resilient Heritage (HLF)	Implement capacity building project with AONB Trust (subject to approval).
AONB Partnership	Involve members and support & develop the Partnership structure.
AONB Team	Hold monthly team meetings, complete performance reviews and training.
National Association for AONBs	Active involvement with NAAONB and other relevant networks.
Volunteering	Involve 300 volunteers through AONB-led and supported activities.



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VACANCY FOR TRANSITION BOARD AND FOR A SHROPSHIRE HILLS AONB TRUST TRUSTEE

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Summary

This paper invites nominations for a vacancy on the Transition Board and one on the Shropshire Hills AONB Trust.

Recommendation

Members are requested to consider if they could put themselves forward for one or both of these roles.

Background

Janine Hayter who has been on the Partnership and Transition Board, and an AONB Trust trustee, has reluctantly decided to stand down due to increasing work commitments. There is therefore a vacancy on the Transition Board and also a trustee vacancy for a Partnership member on the Shropshire Hills AONB Trust. These are separate roles and both do not need to be fulfilled by the same person.

It is quite important for both of these groups to operate at full strength, so members are encouraged to consider if they might be able to put themselves forward for either of these roles. If anyone would like to find out more or discuss what is involved in these roles, please contact Phil Holden.

If the vacant Parish/ Town Council seat on the Partnership cannot be filled from the applicants from last autumn, then a new call for applicants will have to be made.

List of Background Papers

None.

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The information in this report is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.
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Environmental Appraisal

The recommendation in this paper will contribute to the conservation of protected landscapes.

Risk Management Appraisal

Risk management has been appraised as part of the considerations of this report.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

The topics raised in this paper have been the subject of earlier consultations with Partnership members.

Appendices

None