

Shropshire Council Legal and Democratic Services Shirehall Abbey Foregate Shrewsbury SY2 6ND

Date: Wednesday, 15 March 2023

#### Committee: Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership

Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023

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

Tim Collard Assistant Director - Legal and Governance

## Members of Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership

Alex Carson-Taylor (Chairman) Cecilia Motley (Vice Chairman) Heather Kidd Hilary Luff Dan Morris Chris Turley Alison Caffyn George Chancellor Adrian Cullis **Gillian Preece Fiona Williams** Andrew Wood John Luck **Ruth Houghton** John Long David Mills **Steve Pennington** 

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# AGENDA

#### 1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence

## 2 Minutes of the last meeting (Pages 1 - 4)

The note of the meeting held on 8 November 2022 is attached for confirmation

#### 3 AONB Management Plan Review - support for one year delay and identification of new/changed issues to cover in review (Pages 5 - 12)

This paper seeks the Partnership's support to delay the substantive review of the AONB Management Plan by a year (to be approved by the two local authorities). It also sets out in a draft statement at Appendix 1 an initial list of new or changed issues and drivers which the full Plan review will need to take into account.

#### 4 Update on AONB Partnership Ancient Woodlands and Peatlands Projects (Pages 13 - 16)

This paper gives members an update on the recently started Shropshire Hills AONB Ancient Woodlands project and the Peatlands project in the Upper Clun

# 5 Brief Update on other AONB Partnership Team and NAAONB activities (Pages 17 - 20)

This paper provides updates to Partnership members on certain topics and areas of activity which do not need an agenda item of their own

#### 6 Access for All - better engagement and services in the AONB for underserved groups (Pages 21 - 24)

This paper introduces some action research currently under way to improve provision for and engagement with under-served groups in relation to the Shropshire Hills AONB.

Kate Garner, a freelance consultant will lead discussion at the meeting.

#### **7 Stepping Stones Needs Assessment Consultation** (Pages 25 - 26)

This paper introduces the consultation on Needs Assessment for the Stepping Stones project. Helen Fairweather from Resources for Change and Andrew Hearle and Anam Choudhury of the National Trust will speak on this item at the meeting and seek the views of members as part of the consultation

# 8 Date of Next Meeting

Members are reminded that the next meeting of the Partnership will be held on Thursday  $20^{th}$  July 2023 at 9.30am