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BUSINESS CASE FOR CREATION OF CONSERVATION BOARD

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Summary

This paper presents a second draft of the Business Case for creation of a Conservation Board for the Shropshire Hills AONB, and seeks endorsement of this from the Partnership, subject to further comments and refinement.

Recommendation

The Partnership is recommended to endorse the Business Case for creation of a Shropshire Hills AONB Conservation Board, subject to further comments and refinement, to go forward to the Cabinets of both Councils, and in due course to Defra.

Background

The first meeting of the Transition Board considered a first draft of the Business Case on 9th August 2016. The draft and some of the appendices have been developed further since then. At this meeting it was also decided to hold a 'visioning' workshop with the Transition Board and staff team members together, and this is scheduled for Friday 2nd September. The written output of this workshop will be circulated to Partnership members before 8th September for further consideration at this meeting, before inclusion in the Business Case.

The Business Case is scheduled to go before Telford & Wrekin Council's Cabinet on 13th October and Shropshire Council's Cabinet on 19th October. There is no fixed timetable following this for submission to Defra, and it is felt that further discussions should be held with Defra before deciding this, to ensure that a case with the best chance of success is submitted.

List of Background Papers Transition Board minutes 9 th August 2016.
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 Current draft of Business Case for creation of a Shropshire Hills AONB Conservation Board (with its own Appendices 1-5)