

RESILIENT HERITAGE CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT - UPDATE

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Summary

This paper updates Partnership members on progress with the capacity building project for the AONB Partnership and Shropshire Hills AONB Trust, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund's Resilient Heritage programme.

Recommendation

The Partnership is recommended to note and comment on progress with the project.

Background

This joint project between the AONB Partnership and Shropshire Hills AONB Trust is bringing in £38,100 of HLF grant over two years from March 2018.

A facilitation/ support contract has been let to Marches Sustainable Development (Adrian Cullis) to support development of Business Plans, and one facilitated workshop has been held with the AONB Trust trustees, and a further one for the Partnership with the Management Board and AONB team. There will be another facilitated workshop for each of these groups, followed by a session where the Trust trustees and the Management Board and team all come together. The Business Plans will include or be accompanied by Communications and Engagement Plans.

Some preparatory work has been done toward a skills audit, which will be carried out and lead to identification of training priorities, some of which can be funded through the project.

On development of income generation, two areas have progressed so far:

- A new leaflet has been printed for the Friends scheme and promotion activities undertaken.
- The Caering for Caradoc 'Fix the Fort' appeal has been launched.

Joy Howells is employed 1.5 days/week as the Funding & Programmes Officer and is working on the development of funding bids for new project.

Further external expert advice is available on other aspects of income generation including a legacy scheme, business engagement and trading. Opportunities will be sought to involve members of the Partnership and build capacity of the Partnership group through the project.

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