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## **CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT – SHROPSHIRE HILLS AONB TRUST DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN AND SUPPORT SOUGHT FROM PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS**

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### **Summary**

This paper provides for the information of Partnership members the Shropshire Hills AONB Trust's Business Plan, and explores areas of joint working and ways that Partnership members may be able to support the Trust. Anthony Morgan the AONB Trust Chairman will speak at the meeting on this agenda item. The Partnership also needs to reappoint two of its three nominated trustees from Partnership members.

### **Recommendation**

The Partnership is recommended to:

- a) note the Trust's Business Plan and its priorities,
- b) re-appoint two nominated trustees to the AONB Trust for a two year term, and
- c) members are requested to consider if they can provide any assistance to the Trust in carrying out its activities.

### **Background**

The Trust's Business Plan results from two facilitated workshops for the eight trustees. The Trust's constitution is broad but its activities for the coming period are focussed on fundraising - principally to support the AONB Conservation Fund and the grants it gives, along with some other strands of restricted income for specific purposes.

The Trust is still relatively new, and has identified that it needs increased capacity to fulfil the tasks it has set out in the Business Plan. Ideally the Trust will engage some more volunteers to help with the fund-raising priorities it has identified (principally other charitable trusts and working with businesses), and AONB Partnership members are requested to consider if they are able to assist with this.

The Friends of the Shropshire Hills AONB scheme, jointly run by the Trust and the Partnership but with all funds going to the Trust, remains an important means of engaging people with the AONB. Partnership members are encouraged to become Friends of the AONB and to actively encourage and recruit others to do so.

Appendix 2 provides for information a summary of the projects being supported this year by the Trust through the AONB Conservation Fund.

Three of the trustees – George Chancellor, Veronica Cossons and Joe Manifold are appointed by the Partnership and one is the AONB Manager *ex officio*. The two year terms for George Chancellor and Veronica Cossons are due for reappointment now. Both are willing to stand again, and the Partnership is requested to re-appoint them for a further two years.

<b>List of Background Papers</b>
Papers on Resilient Heritage capacity building project from previous Partnership meetings.
<b>Human Rights Act Appraisal</b>
The information in this report is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.
<b>Environmental Appraisal</b>
The recommendation in this paper will contribute to the conservation of protected landscapes.
<b>Risk Management Appraisal</b>
Risk management has been appraised as part of the considerations of this report.
<b>Community / Consultations Appraisal</b>
The topics raised in this paper have been the subject of earlier consultations with Partnership members.
<b>Appendices</b>
Appendix 1 Draft Shropshire Hills AONB Trust Business Plan 2019-21
Appendix 2 Shropshire Hills AONB Conservation Fund supported projects 2019-20