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SHROPSHIRE HILLS AONB NATURE RECOVERY PLAN

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Summary

This paper introduces a full draft of the Shropshire Hills AONB Nature Recovery Plan for consultation (sent separately to members).

Recommendation

The Partnership is recommended to comment on the draft Plan.

Background

The NAAONB's Colchester Declaration of July 2019 set out the ambition for a Nature Recovery Plan to be prepared for all AONBs. This aligns with the Glover Review recommendations for national landscapes to focus more on nature recovery. A small group of AONB representatives have been working nationally and have developed some guidance. Some important data and documents have been released by Natural England in the last year or so. Locally we have been developing the framework of the nature recovery plan over the last 20 months or so and consulting informally on directions as opportunities have arisen in our work with partners.

We are co-ordinating closely with work of other partners on this topic, especially the Wildlife Trust, Natural England, National Trust and Shropshire Council. Work is active and ongoing in this field and quite rapidly evolving. This Nature Recovery Plan cannot aim to be the last word on this topic for the AONB, but it does aim to move forward the discussion and raise awareness, build support for the main strategies and indicate areas for further development and work. The delivery section could be more detailed and specific, and the input of partners and interested parties during a consultation period on this draft will be very welcome.

List of Background Papers

The draft Nature Recovery Plan will be sent separately to members and made available on the AONB website.

Previous papers of the AONB Partnership are available at

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=265>.

The Colchester Declaration is available at

<https://landscapesforlife.org.uk/projects/colchester-declaration>.

A nature recovery web page has been set up at <https://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/our-work/aonb-partnership/nature-recovery>

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