



## **NEW PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURES - LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD**

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### **Summary**

This paper provides introduces an item to mark the end of the era of this Partnership, looking both backwards and forwards.

### **Recommendation**

The Partnership is recommended to contribute to discussion on the successes of the Partnership and how the new structures can deliver even more.

### **Background**

The revisions to structures for the Shropshire Hills National Landscape have been refined over a number of meetings this year of both the Partnership and the Strategy & Performance Committee. Approval together of the Management Plan and the new Advisory Committee Terms of Reference is now scheduled for meetings of the two Council Cabinets this winter. The new structure will include:

- A new **Advisory Committee** of 12 people will oversee work of the Team and advise regarding the National Landscape as necessary. This will have appointees from both Councils plus 7 open seats recruited through an application process. This will be a formal 'joint advisory committee' to the two Councils. The recruitment process for the new Committee will start soon.
- Closer working arrangements with **key delivery partners**. Many of these organisations are public bodies with a legal duty for the National Landscape, but other organisations working at scale are also included. Arrangements will be flexible and may include online and in person meetings, email briefings and topic working groups.
- A broad new **Forum** will be formed and will meet twice a year in a relatively informal event format, similar to the summer Forum we have run in recent years. This will be open to anyone who wishes to participate and to support the National Landscape. Key delivery partners and members of the Advisory Committee will automatically be part of this and encouraged to attend, but it will also enable wider engagement for the National Landscape than currently. The Team are starting to plan 2026 events.

This agenda item will include discussion on how members can contribute to work of the National Landscape in future, and appreciation of members past and present, and work of the Partnership over the years.

The recent National Landscapes Association briefing paper on the future of National Landscapes to 2050 is included as Appendix 1 for information and as a basis for discussion.

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| <b>List of Background Papers</b><br>None                                                                                                               |
| <b>Human Rights Act Appraisal</b><br>The information in this report is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.                                      |
| <b>Environmental Appraisal</b><br>The recommendation in this paper will contribute to the conservation of protected landscapes.                        |
| <b>Risk Management Appraisal</b><br>Risk management has been appraised as part of the considerations of this report.                                   |
| <b>Community / Consultations Appraisal</b><br>The topics raised in this paper have been the subject of earlier consultations with Partnership members. |
| <b>Appendices</b><br>Appendix 1 National Landscapes Association Briefing paper October 2025 'The Future of National Landscapes'                        |