

2018–21 BUSINESS PLAN

Summary: To invite discussion and comment on the 2018-21 business plan.

Recommendation: That final comments on the 2018-21 business plan be invited at the meeting.

Officer Ref: Simon Smith, Project Development and Business Planning Officer

Background

Progress to date

1. Work on the next business plan started several months later than usual this year. A revised production schedule was approved by the Executive Committee in November 2017 and the Board in December 2017. In accordance with this schedule the Executive Committee considered an early draft in November 2017 and following comments from the Board in December 2017, a consultation draft was circulated to Local Authority Board Members and Officers on the 5th of January 2018. The Conserving and Managing, Living and Working and Grants Sub-Committees also considered their elements of the Summary Work Programme.
2. A deadline for commenting on the consultation draft was set for the 31st January 2018. Written comments were received from 7 Local Authorities; West Oxfordshire District Council, Cotswold District Council, Stroud District Council, Gloucestershire County Council, South Gloucestershire Council, Bath North East Somerset Council and Oxfordshire County Council. Comments received have been incorporated into the post consultation draft (**Appendix A**)
3. Officers have simultaneously worked on the detailed (SMART) work programme and corresponding detailed budget. The results of this work has also been fed into the post consultation draft (Appendix A) as well as the discussions at the Sub-Committees.

Next Steps

4. Following consideration of the post consultation draft (Appendix A) by the Executive Committee at this meeting a final draft will go to the Board for approval in March.

How we will promote and make audiences aware of this item

5. The Local Authority Board Members will receive a copy of the final draft of the Business Plan in their March 2018 Board Papers. DEFRA will also be sent a copy of the Business Plan as part of the Board's bid for funding for 2018-19.

Supporting Papers: Appendix 'A' – 2018–21 Business Plan Post Consultation Draft