**PRESENTATION - PILOT PARTNERSHIP PROJECT WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

AGENDA ITEM 11

**Summary:** To review progress in working in partnership with Young Gloucestershire to engage disadvantaged young people in countryside activities.

**Recommendation: That the presentation be noted.**

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**Background**

1. The Board has long desired to do more to broaden engagement in the AONB, particularly to better include young people from communities that face barriers to getting out to the Cotswolds.
2. The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens do some good work in this area for example by facilitating farm visits for city centre schools from deprived wards, however as an organisation we still feel that we are just scratching the surface of what could and should be done.
3. Over the summer of 2018 we ran a pilot project with Young Gloucestershire engaging two Prince’s Trust Team groups in countryside activities.
4. This pilot project achieved its two objectives which were;

* To demonstrate that by working together the project partners can provide a programme of exciting outdoors rural activities to young people who would not normally access them.
* To gather evidence of the impacts of these activities on the young people along with organisational learning on how to deliver more of this type of work.

1. The Board is now working with Young Gloucestershire and others in developing proposals to secure new funding so we can together, deliver more of this work.

**Supporting Papers:**

**None.**