

TASK AND FINISH AND WORKING GROUPS

Summary: Progress update for the Executive on task and finish and working groups.

Recommendation: To note the progress update.

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Background

1. The report below provides a summary of the work of the task and finish and working groups since the report submitted to the Board in June 2019.

A417 Working Group

- Last meeting 20th June, sub meetings held 16th April and 30th May.
- Strategic Stakeholder Panel met 2nd May and 13th June.
- Landscape and Environment Technical Working Group met 2nd and 30th July and 20th August.
- The Board submitted its response to Highway England's (HE) Environmental Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 21st and 24th June. Links to the responses have been provided to the full Board.
- HE were due to launch consultation on the Option 30 preferred route on 10th September, consultation postponed.
- Date of next meeting: 13th September.
- Lead officer: Martin Lane

Walking & Exploring Working Group

- Last meeting held on 30th August 2019.
- Ongoing projects include: Cotswold Gateways, Cotswold Discoverer Pass, Muslim Women's Walking Group, press activity around 8 Mile Winchcombe mobility scooter route, developing working partnership with CTAP (in line with Walking and Exploring ambition), Wardens' Annual Conference (themed around access and inclusion).
- Date of next meeting: 26th November 2019.
- Chairman: Ed Macalister-Smith
- Lead officer: Becky Jones / Alana Hopkins

Planning & Infrastructure Working Group

- Last meeting held on 29th April 2019.
- No change since last report.
- Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th September 2019.
- Chairman: TBC (at next meeting)
- Lead officer: John Mills

External Funding Working Group

- Last meeting held on 6th August 2019.
- Reviewed draft Funding Plan.

- Funding plan and challenge to Board members drafted for September Executive
- Date of next meeting 15th October 2019.
- Challenge paper planned for December Board (subject to Executive approval)
- Lead officer: Simon Smith

Glorious Cotswolds Grasslands Working Group

- Inaugural meeting held on 28th March at Sherborne Estate
- No change since last report
- Date of next meeting: August meeting cancelled. New date to be confirmed
- Lead officer: Mark Connelly

Previous task and finish and working group, who have delivered their remits:

- Caring for the Cotswolds (Visitor Giving) task and finish group
- Rural skills task and finish group
- Dark skies task and finish group

Supporting Paper(s):

None.