

TASK AND FINISH AND WORKING GROUPS

Summary: Progress update on the Board's 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 Executive's May 2019 meeting.

A417 Working Group

- Last meeting was 19th March 2019, sub meeting held 16th April.
- HE responded to Board's letter of 9th April highlighting a lack of response to earlier suggestions and ongoing concerns with the details of Option 30. Board has submitted a series of subsequent suggestions in part to advance an overall scheme vision for submission to HE.
- Strategic Stakeholder Panel met 2nd May and 13th June. Arup has replaced Mott MacDonald / SWECO as HE's consultants working on the scheme.
- HE submitted their Environmental Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), with PINS having now consulted the Board on the report, with a deadline for submission of 24th June 2019.
- Date of next meeting: 20th June 2019.
- Lead officer: Martin Lane

Walking & Exploring Working Group

- Last meeting held on 8th January 2019.
- No change since last report.
- Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th June 2019.
- Chairman: Ed Macalister-Smith
- Lead officer: Becky Jones / Alana Hopkins

Planning & Infrastructure Working Group

- Last meeting held on 29th April 2019
- Items discussed on 29th April:
 - Consultation responses in 2018/19 and ways of ensuring that more planning decision are in line with the Board's advice.
 - Guidance for stakeholders on issues to consider in relation to planning consultations.
 - The proposed housing allocations / proposals at Winchcombe and whether they constitute major development and / or merit an Environmental Impact Assessment.
 - Feedback from local planning authorities (LPAs) regarding:
 - draft criteria for planning applications that the Board should be consulted on.

- the potential for securing funding through planning obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy.
- Date of next meeting: 1st or 2nd July 2019 (to be confirmed)
- Lead officer: John Mills

External Funding Working Group

- Last meeting held on 13th June 2019.
- Reviewed draft Funding Strategy.
- Funding strategy & resulting plan will inform challenge to Board members
- Date of next meeting 6th August 2019.
- Paper planned for September Executive
- Lead officer: Simon Smith

Glorious Cotswolds Grasslands Working Group

- Inaugural meeting held on 28th March 2019 at Sherborne Estate
- No change since last report
- Date of next meeting: 14.00, Wednesday 7th August 2019
- 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.