

MANAGEMENT PLAN

Summary: To provide a forward plan for developing the plan.

Recommendation: That the Executive Committee notes the report.

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Context

1. The 2018-2023 Management Plan was adopted in September 2018. It is a five year plan, so a new plan will need to be adopted by September 2023.
2. The policy context within which the Cotswolds National Landscape operates has changed dramatically in recent years. There is greater awareness of the need to adapt to, and mitigate, the effects of climate change. Nature conservation thinking has developed into nature recovery and the pandemic has changed the relationship many people have with their local environment. Our policy context will continue to change as these developments and others are feeding into the government response to the Landscapes Review.
3. We have already made a great start to considering relevant issues with our new Vision being adopted by the Board in June 2021 and a very successful forward planning day held in July 2021. Some of the results of the forward planning day are included in *Appendix A*. These include a composite “issues tree” drawn up by the consultant following the event. This is a small selection from the material collected on the day. All of the outcomes have been copied into a spreadsheet so that they can be compiled and reordered under key issues when work starts on the plan.

Forward Plan

4. A costed schedule has been drawn up for the production of the 2023–28 plan and can be seen in *Appendix B*. This is based on a refresh of the production of the 2018-23 plan and adjusted for changes in the schedule of Board and Executive meetings. It works towards the plan being adopted by the Board at its meeting in June 2023. Costs have been increased by 5% (apart from production as the printing of hard copies will be reviewed).

Supporting Papers

- Appendix A – Selected Results from the July 2021 Forward Planning Day
- Appendix ‘B’ – Costed Production Schedule for the 2023–28 Management Plan

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