

MANAGEMENT PLAN 2023-28

Summary: To seek the views of the Executive Committee on the thematic workshops being developed to inform the 2023/28 Management Plan

Recommendation: That the Executive Committee share their views

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CONTEXT

1. According to the production schedule; *Appendix A* we are currently at the gathering evidence and developing contacts stage. The next stage is a series of thematic workshops although their timing has been put back a few weeks in order to increase the chance of being able to hold them in the real world. Now is a good time to consider what issues we want the workshops to explore and how we want to run them.

POTENTIAL WORKSHOP THEMES

2. We could adopt a roadshow approach by running similar generic workshops in different areas but it is felt that the plan would be better informed by focussing attention on particular issues or themes. The workshop themes do not have to necessarily reflect the chapters of the resulting management plan. Some important themes or questions that we may wish to explore with partners may be cross cutting when it comes to the final structure of the final plan.
3. There are a couple of sources that can inform what workshops we choose to run:
 - Main themes from our vision and forward planning day.
 - Collaboration and leadership
 - Inclusivity, diversity and access
 - Climate and environment
 - People and community
 - Biodiversity and nature
 - Defra priorities and the government response to the Landscapes Review
 - Nature
 - Climate change
 - Diversity
 - Public health
4. Considering the effort committed to developing a consensus on nature recovery over the last year and the current activity on Local Nature Recovery Strategies it is felt that an additional workshop on this subject would add little at this time.

PROPOSED WORKSHOP THEMES

5. The workshop themes do not have to necessarily reflect the chapters of the resulting management plan. Some important questions and themes that we may wish to explore with partners will be cross cutting. The initial suggestions for themes are:
 - Climate and landscape change - in light of the climate emergency and the linked biodiversity crisis does our position on the extent of appropriate change in the landscape need to be revisited? A workshop would examine our current position, its legal framework and methods for expressing it and if/how this may change.
 - Diversity and wellbeing - it is proposed to consider both themes as one workshop as those not accessing the landscape are missing out on the wellbeing benefits. It will be developed with support from the Health, Wellbeing and Social Inclusion Working Group.
 - Planning - it will be developed with support from the CNL Planning Officers and Working Group. Including biodiversity net gain and potential statutory consultee status.
 - Collaboration and leadership - the biggest branch on the aggregated tree from the forward planning day. How we engage with others is a priority both for us and our stakeholders.
 - Community and economy - in the context of climate change adaptation and mitigation. Including farming, sustainable transport and tourism.

WORKSHOP LOGISTICS

6. Venues - options are to spread the workshops around the area or to locate them centrally. Spreading them around is essential for geographically focussed workshops. Considering the size and in particular the length of the Cotswolds, holding themed workshops centrally is important to avoid travel becoming a barrier to engagement. One possible exception is the diversity workshop where we could consider holding it within an adjacent urban community.
7. Audiences - Board members, team members, statutory consultees and other selected stakeholders connected with a particular theme. A particular effort will need to be made to reach out to new stakeholders for the diversity and wellbeing workshop.
8. Facilitators - selected team members will be asked to facilitate. Team members will facilitate in workshops away from their area of responsibility. This will ensure that they are free to contribute to the workshops within their specialisms.

SUPPORTING PAPERS

- Appendix A – Management Plan Timeline V2 14/01/21