

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**Summary:** To (1) provide a high level summary of activity since the last Board meeting in June 2021 and (2) outline the key decisions/ discussions required from this meeting.

**Recommendation:** That the Board notes the report

**Report by:** Andy Parsons - Chief Executive

**PRIORITY ACTIVITY SINCE THE LAST MEETING** (not recorded in other papers)1. Team and Board Members

- New starters:
  - Simon Joyce – Planning Officer
  - Rosalind Marsden – Education Officer (Everyone’s Evenlode)
  - Ruth Rudwick – Community Officer (Everyone’s Evenlode)
  - Rowan Wynne-Jones – Education and Community Officer (Everyone’s Evenlode)
- Interviews for the Net Zero Landscape Officer are taking place on 21 February, an update will be provided at the meeting.
- Harvey Sherwood and Anna Field have moved from fixed term to permanent contracts, with new job descriptions, as the Glorious Cotswold Grasslands operation continues beyond the initial funded period.
- Brendan McCarron has joined the Board as our Parish Group 5 Member.
- Defra Ministers have approved the following Secretary of State appointments:
  - Ed Macalister-Smith – one-year extension (Ed will now serve for the maximum term of ten years)
  - Ellie Fujioka
  - Katherine Chesson

The Chair will provide a verbal summary of the new Members

2. Engagements (Chief Executive)

- A417 Missing Link:
  - 21 Oct – Designated Funds ‘Vision’ workshop
  - 28 Oct – Designated Funds Partnership Panel meeting
  - 9 Nov - Designated Funds Partnership Panel meeting
  - 15 Nov – Statement of Common Ground meeting
  - 23 Nov – Strategic Stakeholder Panel meeting
  - 25 Nov - Designated Funds Partnership Panel meeting
  - 16 Dec - Strategic Stakeholder Panel meeting
  - 17 Jan - Strategic Stakeholder Panel meeting
  - 20 Jan - Designated Funds Partnership Panel meeting
  - 24-28 Jan – Examination Hearing
  - 31 Jan - Statement of Common Ground meeting
  - 14 Feb - Strategic Stakeholder Panel meeting

- 22 Oct – Thames Water Smarter Catchments launch event (Andy Graham also in attendance)
- 28 Oct – met Tom Hayman-Joyce, President of the Moreton Show
- 10 Nov – met Ben Smith (National Grid) to review the Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI)
- 10 Nov – introductory meeting with Nick Droy, National Trust’s new Assistant Director for the area
- 18 Nov – NAAONB Chairman’s Conference and AGM
- 19 Nov – met Mark Tufnell, Calmsden Farms to discuss property matters
- 23 Nov – Visitor Economy and Tourism Business Group meeting (GFirst LEP)
- 23 Nov – Cotswold Integrated Locality Partnership meeting, presented on CNL’s work around health, wellbeing and social inclusion
- 1 Dec – workshop with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, looking at opportunities to development the partnership
- 7 Dec – Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership Board meeting
- 12 Jan – met with Mike Dawson (CEO), Cllr Bird (Leader) and Cllr Gore at Tewkesbury Borough Council
- 21 Jan – met Paul James, Economic Development Lead at Cotswold District Council
- 25 Jan – Cotswold Integrated Locality Partnership meeting, following the presentation on the work of CNL, the Chief Executive was invited to join the group
- 7 Feb – CNL team presented on our current work and priorities to all 15 local authorities, with 20 attendees
- 8 Feb – with Ed Macalister-Smith and Mark Connelly, attended the first National Grid Cotswolds Stakeholder Reference Group meeting for the potential Visual Impact Provision project in the CNL
- 9 Feb – with James Webb, and in partnership with Cotswold Tourism, presented the Caring for the Cotswolds visitor giving scheme to tourism businesses
- 10 Feb – NAAONB Lead Officer meeting, focusing on the NAAONB’s response to the Landscapes Review government consultation
- 15 Feb – met with Robert Weaver, CEO at Cotswold District Council, to discuss our respective priorities for 2022/23

### **OVERVIEW OF THIS BOARD MEETING – 22 FEBRUARY**

3. The key items of focus at this meeting are:
  - Item 8a – reviewing the production timeline and plan for the Management Plan (2023-28), including consultation strategy
  - Item 8b – the Climate Change Strategy will be presented for Board adoption
  - Items 8c and 9c – the Annual Work Programme and Budget for 2022/23 will both be presented for adoption

### **SUPPORTING PAPERS**

- None

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