

## MANAGEMENT PLAN

**Summary:** To present and discuss the first draft of the Management Plan for 2023-25.

**Recommendation:** That comments are received at the meeting or before the deadline of 18 September 2022.

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## INTRODUCTION

1. Following approval of the production timeline by the Board in June, formal notification of the review was sent to Defra and Natural England along with all 15 of the local authorities coincident with the National Landscape on the 28 June 2022.
2. On the same day, an invitation to make early comments on the policies within the plan was sent to local authorities, CNL Board Members and team members (including the voluntary wardens).

## CONSULTATION

3. The invitation to comment stressed that this review will be limited to updating and better expressing the Board's current position. Any changes representing a significant shift in the Board's current position will be held over for the full review for the period 2025-30.
4. Seventeen written sets of comments were received from fifteen individuals, though several of the local authorities sent compiled comments from across their teams. Of these, seven were from team members, seven were from local authorities, one was from a CNL Board Member and one was from an NGO (one of the local authorities had shared it). There were additional conversations and meetings with team members and local authority officers.

## REVISIONS TO DATE

5. The version attached to this paper *Appendix A* is very much a work in progress. It represents the stage of development reached at the deadline for this meeting, not a draft ready for consultation.
6. Revisions to date are a result of comments received and an initial attempt to take into account policy development since the publication of the 2018-23 plan. Much of the text relating to wider policy changes still needs work and comments in connection with this are particularly welcome. A priority is to produce a plan which our local authority partners are happy to endorse. Some structural changes have also been made to remove duplication and streamline the document. Revisions include:
  - Removal of the ambitions
  - Updating the vision with the current one adopted in 2021
  - Updating the name to 'National Landscape'
  - Removal of the Ministerial Foreword. It has become dated and a new one will be sought for the 2025-30 plan
  - Removal of the old Chairman's Foreword and a new one is being written

- Reworking of the key themes to reflect the outcomes of the awayday held in July 2021
- Reworking of text relating to climate change to reflect the Climate Crisis Commitment (adopted November 2021), the Climate Change Strategy (adopted February 2022) and the initial results of the Carbon Footprint Assessment
- Reworking of text relating to biodiversity and nature recovery to reflect the Cotswolds Nature Recovery Plan (adopted October 2021)
- Reworking of the policies relating to planning to account for the National Planning Practice Guidance (2019) and comments from local authorities
- Inclusion of references to new position statements where relevant, namely:
  - Conserving and Celebrating Cultural Capital (2019)
  - Tranquillity (2019)
  - Dark Skies and Artificial Light (2019)
  - Housing (2021)
  - Landscape Led Development (2021)
- References to the Landscapes Review (2019), particularly in connection with broadening engagement

#### **NEXT STEPS**

7. The consultation draft will continue to be worked on up until 3 October, which is the deadline for papers for the October Board Meeting. Further comments from the Executive Committee are welcome up until 18 September. Committee Members will have a further four opportunities to comment on the plan as it progresses.
8. Following the Board Meeting the plan will go out to consultation with stakeholders throughout late October and November in accordance with the approved timeline.

#### **SUPPORTING PAPERS**

- Appendix A - 2023–2025 Management Plan (Draft 1)

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