

**COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND STEERING GROUPS**

**Summary:** To propose the Groups for 2023/24

**Recommendation:** That the Board approves the proposal.

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

**BACKGROUND**

1. In addition to the full Board and Executive Committee, the organisation also operates a Finance and Governance Committee, and a number of Working/Steering Groups that focus on key areas of its current work.
2. The groups are made up of Board Members, Employees and external expertise (as required).

**RECOMMENDATION FOR 2023/24**

3. The table below outlines the Chief Executive's recommendation for continuation (or otherwise) of the current groups.

<b>Committee (2022/23)</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Board Member Representation (guide)</b>	<b>Continue in 2023/24?</b>
Finance and Governance	Head of Finance	2-4	Yes
<b>Working Group (2022/23)</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Board Member Representation (guide)</b>	<b>Continue in 2023/24?</b>
Climate Change	Mike Elliott	4-6	Yes
Planning and Infrastructure	John Mills	4-6	Yes
Projects and Fundraising	James Webb	4-6	Yes
Wellbeing and Inclusion	Andy Parsons	4-6	Yes
<b>Steering Group (2022/23)</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Board Member Representation (guide)</b>	<b>Continue in 2023/24?</b>
A417 Missing Link	Andy Parsons	2-4	No
Glorious Cotswold Grasslands	Simon Smith	2-4	No
Cotswolds Champions	Scott Brown	2-4	No

4. The reasons for stopping the three Steering Groups:
  - The A417 Missing Link road scheme has been approved by DfT. We will remain involved in both the detailed design discussions and the designated funds, but this will not require a Steering group.
  - Glorious Cotswold Grasslands is no longer a time-limited project. Simon Smith will continue to convene informal meetings twice a year to keep ex-members informed on progress.
  - The remaining Cotswolds Champions funding is for the line side mitigation work, where we are partnering with FWAG and liaising with the Badminton Estate.
5. It is recommended that a new Steering Group, supporting the development of the Management Plan (2025-30), should be set up during 2023/24.
6. In addition, the Board also operates (a) the Farming in Protected Landscapes Assessment Panel and (b) the Cotswolds Trails and Access Partnership. Mark Connelly and Becky Jones lead on these groups respectively.

7. Membership of the Finance and Governance Committee and the Working Groups will follow the normal process of nomination and, if required, voting at the Annual General Meeting in June.
8. Membership of Steering Groups will continue to be at the discretion of the Lead Officer and Chair of the Group.

**SUPPORTING PAPERS**

- None

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