

Report to	National Park Authority
Date	19 October 2017
By	Director of Countryside and Policy Management
Title of Report	Establishment of a Partnership Management Plan Review Task and Finish Group

Recommendation: The Authority is recommended to:

- 1) Agree to the establishment of a “Partnership Management Plan Review Task and Finish Group” with the terms of reference set out at Appendix I.**
- 2) Invite written expressions of interest from Members to be part of the core group for the above, to be notified to the Head of Governance.**
- 3) Delegate authority to the Director of Countryside and Policy Management in consultation with the Authority Chair and Chair of P&R Committee, to appoint the membership of the group.**

1. Summary and Background

- 1.1 It is proposed that a task and finish group be established with the terms of reference set out at **Appendix I**.

2 Purpose of the Task and Finish Group

- 2.1 The purpose of the Task and Finish Group (T&FG) is to oversee the process of prioritisation arising from the outputs of the strategic reviews of parts of the Partnership Management Plan and the reviews of policies and external drivers for change. The Group will oversee the production of a draft of the revised PMP and, in particular, a new Delivery Plan for the period 2019-2024.
- 2.2 The revised PMP and new Delivery Plan will be considered by the P&R Committee prior to decisions being taken by the NPA. It is important that a core group of Members can oversee the whole process, but all Members will have an open invitation to participate fully in the work of the T&FG. This follows the model used for the Local Plan Members Working group
- 2.3 The process of producing a new Delivery Plan involves a wide range of external stakeholders, represented at the senior level by the South Downs Partnership. The T&FG will consider the views of the SDP when it is developing the revised Delivery Plan to ensure it includes prioritised contributions from partners as well as the SDNPA.
- 2.4 Once a new Delivery Plan has been agreed by the NPA, the priority contributions by the SDNPA will be reflected in the Corporate Plan. This sets clear priorities for the Authority's contribution, and the consequent budget and allocation of staff and volunteer resources, will be established.
- 2.5 The Governance review recommended that all such groups should have a clearly defined task and end point. The Terms of Reference specify that the T&FG will seek to bring its work to a conclusion no later than January 2019.

3. Other Implications

Implication	Yes*/No
Will further decisions be required by another committee/full authority?	Yes –P&R Committee and NPA will be required to take decisions in relation to any amendments arising from the review.
Does the proposal raise any Resource implications?	The working group will be supported from within core budgets.
How does the proposal represent Value for Money?	<p>The proposal sets out to ensure efficient effective and transparent decision making and to provide a direct route for Members to input their expertise and experience.</p> <p>The T&FG replaces previously scheduled workshops. In addition the T&FG may work virtually, to save on travel and other expenses.</p>
Are there any Social Value implications arising from the proposal?	None
Has due regard been taken of the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equality Act 2010?	<p>None arising directly from this report</p> <p>The requirements of the equalities act will be considered by the working group when undertaking its review.</p> <p>Each strategy has its own equalities assessment, the T&FG will review these. The final Delivery Plan will also be subject to a revised equalities assessment.</p>
Are there any Human Rights implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Crime & Disorder implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Health & Safety implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Sustainability implications based on the 5 principles set out in the SDNPA Sustainability Strategy:	The proposal contributes to principle 4: Promoting good governance

4. Risks Associated with the Proposed Decision

- 4.1 This proposal is designed to enable the Authority to undertake in depth analysis and review of emerging priorities for the partnership Management plan and to inform future decision making by the P&R Committee and full Authority. This will help to ensure that opportunities to act in the best interest of the National Park are not missed.

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Appendices	I. Proposed Terms of Reference Partnership Management Plan Review Task and Finish Group
SDNPA Consultees	Chief Executive Officer; Monitoring Officer;
External Consultees	None
Background Documents	Standing Orders

