

Report to	Policy & Resources Committee
Date	22 November 2018
By	Performance and Projects Manager
Title of Report (Note)	Project Evaluation – Heathlands Reunited Year 2

Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to: Receive and consider the project overview and internal evaluation report for Heathlands Reunited year 2 at Appendices 1 and 2.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report presents one project evaluation for consideration by the Policy and Resources Committee. The Committee is asked to consider the evaluation report and identify any recommendations it may wish to make as a result of the learning points and themes highlighted. This report contains 1 evaluation report.

2. Issues for consideration – Heathlands Reunited

- 2.1 The Heathlands Reunited project started delivery in June 2016. It runs for 5 years until May 2021. The year one external evaluation report was presented to the P&R Committee in November 2017. The total project cost is £2.37 million. Of that £1.44 million has been secured from Heritage Lottery Fund and nearly £1 million in match funding (cash and in-kind) from partners. The SDNPA contribution is a £150,000 cash contribution and wider support provided to the project team from within the authority.
- 2.2 As part of the monitoring and evaluation programme for the project, the year two evaluation is carried out internally by SDNPA staff. A general review of year two is at **Appendix 1**. The detailed year two evaluation report is at **Appendix 2**. It is an internal report, in line with the monitoring programme for the project it sets out 24 recommendations relating to the way the partnership works, volunteers and the way the steering group is working. The project team have accepted all of them and are developing an action plan to address them in priority order.
- 2.3 The project review highlights the number of tasks across both the activity plan and the capital works that are red and amber and green. The capital works is the area where there is greatest concern as delivery here is behind schedule.

3. Other Implications

Implication	Yes*/No
Will further decisions be required by another committee/full authority?	No
Does the proposal raise any Resource implications?	None in addition to what has been set out in the report.
How does the proposal	Each project is assessed separately for value for money. Overall

represent Value for Money?	the project evaluated did represent either appropriate or good value for money.
Are there any Social Value implications arising from the proposal?	No
Have you taken regard of the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equality Act 2010?	There are no equalities implications arising from this report. The equalities implications of projects are considered as part of the project development process. Any issues raised as part of the evaluation will be monitored through the capture of learning points.
Are there any Human Rights implications arising from the proposal?	No
Are there any Crime & Disorder implications arising from the proposal?	No
Are there any Health & Safety implications arising from the proposal?	No
Are there any Data Protection implications?	No
Are there any Sustainability implications based on the 5 principles set out in the SDNPA Sustainability Strategy: 1.	Learning from projects contributes to sustainability principle 2 ensuring a strong healthy and just society – considering social cohesion and wellbeing; principle 3 achieving a sustainable economy – considering impacts on or contribution to a sustainable economy; and principle 4 Promoting good governance – considering how to encourage active participation.

4. Risks Associated with the Proposed Decision

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation
That learning from projects is not fully captured	2	2	Well understood mechanisms are in place to capture information about the progress of projects and identifying learning through evaluation. Evaluation reports and case studies are routinely produced.
Learning from projects is not fed into future project development	3	2	Improvement planning is in place but there is potential to review and improve how this takes place. Project specific learning is followed up by themed programme boards which meet several times a year. Corporate learning is beginning to be captured and disseminated in a more comprehensive way via a revised improvement plan and in any revisions to guidance that might be deemed appropriate.

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Appendices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heathlands Reunited Year two project review 2. Evaluation report for year two of Heathlands Reunited
SDNPA Consultees	Chief Executive; Director of Countryside Policy and Management; Director of Planning; Chief Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer; Legal Services, Business Service Manager; Countryside and Policy Managers
External Consultees	None
Background Documents	Year 1 evaluation Appendix 1 Appendix 2 Project Approval

