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MODERNISING PARTNERSHIP WORKING

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Summary

This paper provides a brief background to a proposed evolution of the current National Landscape structure, including the Partnership, to support more effective partnership working. This will be presented at the meeting.

Recommendation

The Partnership is recommended to comment on the issues raised.

Background

Drivers for the proposed updating of the structure include:

- Strengthened legal duty puts more emphasis on Relevant Authorities (RAs),
- Need to increase engagement from key delivery partners (both RAs and wider),
- Broadening participation and opportunities for groups and people to engage being more inclusive and strengthening the 'pathways' in for people's greater involvement,
- Encourage especially greater engagement by Parish & Town Councils (which are RAs),
- More modern methods of working including less in large formal committee format,
- Directions for governance indicated in the Glover Review and government response,
- More efficient use of staff team time and more useful value of meeting reports.

Different main functions which are still needed:

- Broad engagement of interested stakeholders and exploring topics and solutions,
- Co-ordinating delivery among key partners,
- Advisory oversight of work of the team and the National Landscape model,

Partner and stakeholder input to Management Plan review.

List of Background Papers

None.

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The information in this report is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.

Environmental Appraisal

The recommendation in this paper will contribute to the conservation of protected landscapes.

Risk Management Appraisal

Risk management has been appraised as part of the considerations of this report.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

The topics raised in this paper have been the subject of earlier consultations with Partnership members.

Appendices

None