

## **Item 7          Development of Management Board roles**

### **1.          Summary**

This paper seeks reassignment to some informal support roles for some members of the Management Board, to achieve greater involvement and sharing of responsibility.

### **2.          Background**

The Management Board at its meeting of 6 May 2015 discussed proposed support roles, with a view mainly to reducing demands on the Chair role and providing greater support to the staff team. These were informal roles, and in addition to the formal roles of Chair and Vice Chairs.

The 'topics' which were previously assigned were:

- Planning
- Staff/ personnel (fulfilled by Shropshire Council lead officer rep)
- Finance
- National Association for AONBs
- Communications
- Biodiversity and natural environment
- (LEADER was assigned but is no longer needed)
- (Tourism may also be useful)

Not all of the roles have been used or developed much yet, but it is felt this is a useful thing to continue gradually to develop. These additional roles will be entirely voluntary and subject to the interest and capacity of the members, in keeping with the role of the Management Board which is advisory and scrutiny rather than executive. The nature of input would vary with the topic, but the general approach might include:

- Greater detail of understanding and involvement on that topic
- **Being a 'point of contact' for the AONB Partnership Manager for discussions and advice** (rather than this being very focused on the Chair)
- Commenting on draft documents or proposals
- Helping to develop strategic directions
- Occasionally representing the AONB Partnership at other relevant meetings, if appropriate
- Potentially greater contact and involvement with other members of the team.

Following recent changes to the Management Board membership, it would be helpful now to reassign these support roles.

### **3.          RECOMMENDATION:**

**The Management Board is recommended to reassign support roles to members who are willing and able to take any of these on.**

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