

Item 4. Co-option of additional members

1. Summary

This paper presents a proposal for one co-option to the Transition Board.

2. Background

The Terms of Reference of the Transition Board allow for the co-option of up to three members from outside the AONB Partnership membership, in order to bring in relevant skills and experience.

At this stage, one person has come forward through discussions with the Chair and AONB Partnership Manager as willing to be co-opted to the Transition Board.

Andrew Wood visited the AONB in his capacity as a Natural England Director in around 2007 and is now resident in the area. He has provided the following relevant biographical details:

Andrew is an experienced NGO trustee and non-executive, having been a trustee and treasurer for the National Biodiversity Network since 2007 and a trustee (and now honorary treasurer) for the League Against Cruel Sports since 2015. Since moving to South Shropshire in 2014, he has joined the Board of the Shropshire Local Nature Partnership and become Lay Co-Chair of the Clun Forest Rural Deanery. He retired from full-time employment at the beginning of 2015 after a career with the Metropolitan Police; the Welsh Office; the Audit Commission; the Countryside Agency; and Natural England. Among other things, he was responsible for Welsh local government reorganisation in the 1990s; was Director of Finance for the NHS in Wales; and led landscape programmes for the Countryside Agency and NE, where his last role was as Executive Director for Science Evidence.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

The Transition Board is recommended to co-opt Andrew Wood to the Transition Board.

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