

FOREST OF BOWLAND AONB JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership update

Issue for consideration

This report provides an update on progress in establishing the Pendle Hill Lancashire Partnership (PHLP) scheme, following the successful Stage 2 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund approved in December 2017.

Permission to Start

Lancashire County Council, as host authority for the Forest of Bowland AONB Unit, signed off the 'permission to start' documentation required by the Heritage Lottery Fund in early February 2018 and the permission has now been granted by HLF.

PHLP Team Recruitment

Good progress has been made in recruiting the new Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership team. The following appointments have now been made:

- **LP Scheme Manager (full time)** – Cathy Hopley
- **Community Engagement Officer (full time)** – Jayne Ashe
- **Countryside Access Officer (part-time, 2.5 days/week)** – Sarah Dornan
- **Farming and Wildlife Officer (part-time, 2 days/week)** – Sarah Robinson

Cathy, Jayne and Sarah Dornan have already made a start and Sarah Robinson plans to start on Monday 30th April. Interviews for the Business Support Officer position were held on Friday 13th April.

In addition, the Ernest Cook Trust have appointed Alison Cross to the position of Outdoor Learning Officer to work alongside the PHLP team for the duration of the programme. Alison is currently working in Staffordshire and is hoping to make a start in this new role in late May 2018.

PHLP Team Office-base

Initially, the PHLP team will be based in a Lancashire County Council office, off Pimlico Road, Clitheroe. This office space has been offered by the County Council at low cost and will house the team for at least 18 months. The AONB office lease at Root Hill Estate Yard in Dunsop Bridge comes to an end in September 2019, therefore future accommodation options for all AONB staff (including the PHLP team) will be investigated from late 2018.

Lead Delivery Partners

Grant agreements and all accompanying schedules are being drawn up by the Scheme Manager to allow lead delivery partners to begin their project work and crucially to claim HLF grant.

Decision to be taken

The committee is asked to:

- i. note the update report on Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership