

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**CABINET REPORT
February 2012**

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SUBJECT: Report for Delegated decision by Portfolio Holder for
Regeneration & Culture Cllr.Wynne Jones

REPORT FOR: **Decision**

1.0 Summary

To support a partnership - the Elenydd Landscape Partnership to apply for a 4 year HLF funded programme of environmental, built heritage tourism and community projects approx value £2m and if successful to support the Partnership in its delivery.

2.0 Background Information

Initiated as a project supported by the Cambrian Mountains Initiative Powys County Council has been working to support the development of a Landscape Partnership funding application focussed on the Elan Valley.

Working with key partners - Welsh Water, Ramblers, Elan Valley Trust, RSPB RWT RCAHM and the Cambrian Mounts Initiative. we hope to submit a Landscape partnership bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund –Partners have worked hard over a very short period to develop a scheme of ideas to fund both built heritage and environmental conservation project in the valley which will lead to a great deal of community engagement from local people and visitors. Although the timescale is tight the group wishes to make an application this year which has to be in on Tuesday 28th Feb or they must wait a further year. Welsh Water is prepared to take a project lead and accountable body role but at a meeting with the HLF on 6th February we were advised that a LA acting as lead would be more usual and as a result more helpful to the application

3.0 Proposal

That the Regeneration Service of PCC acts as lead partner for the submission of a HLF Landscape Partnership application on behalf of the Elenydd Landscape Partnership and for the Portfolio Holder for regeneration to act as the named signatory on the application

4.0 Corporate Improvement Plan

The project support the regeneration strategy aims that contribute to the CIP Projects to be supported within the scheme contribute to aims and objectives of regeneration and countryside services and also support museum service aims for e-trails. The project area stretches to Cwmystwyth and is supported by the Ceredigion Museum Service.

5.0 Options Considered/Available

A) Other partners could take a project lead however, RCAHM could act as a lead but as a National organisation do not provide a Local multi interest overview and while local organisations such as the Elan Valley Trust (a key funding partner) are local they have limited capacity and may as project delivers also have a less strategic view.

B) PCC as strategic advisory partner acts as lead applicant in an HLF funding application

6.0 Preferred Choice and Reasons

B) PCC as strategic advisory partner to the ELP acts as lead applicant in an HLF funding application

Reasons:

- HLF development officers indicate that a LA lead bid would benefit the project
- PCC has a Strategic overview linking all elements – environmental built heritage culture and community.
- PCC does not have any project delivery activities within the proposed scheme and as a result can maintain a non financial interest in its delivery.

7.0 Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder,/Welsh Language/Other Policies etc

The HLF requirements consider all the above as a result the application supports the policy objectives for PCC in respect of these.

8.0 Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Not Applicable. However the project seeks to develop in and out of school learning opportunities which will be set out in a stage 1 action plan to be implemented in stage 2 – a working group will identify links to the CYPP

9.0 Local Member(s)

Member are aware and have been asked by the partnership to provide letters of support

10.0 Other Front Line Services

Not applicable

11.0 Support Services (Legal, Finance, HR, ICT, BPU)

The council is not asked to make any financial commitment, although we would if acting as lead be required to manage claims and reports and as a result incur some in house costs.

13.0 Communications

Not applicable at this time

14.0 Statutory Officers

Not applicable at this time

15.0 Members' Interests

If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

16.0 Future Status of the Report

Not applicable

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
That Powys County Council acts as Lea as lead partner for the Elenydd Landscape Partnership	To allow the delivery by the Elenydd landscape partnership of a 4 year HLF funded programme of

	environmental, built heritage tourism and community projects approx value £2m
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Relevant Policy (ies):	Corporate Asset Policy		
Within Policy:	Yes	Within Budget:	n/a

Relevant Local Member(s):	Cllr K Curry Cllr D Evans
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Cllr Wynne Jones
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	By 28 Feb 2012

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