##### AONB

**Item 10**

**Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Board**

7 June 2023

**ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP TOUR**

**Purpose of the report:**

To agree arrangements for Annual Partnership Tour on Thursday 27th July

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that:

Members agree the outline arrangements for the Partnership’s annual tour.

**Introduction:**

* 1. The Surrey Hills AONB Board is constituted to arrange an annual site visit for the Surrey Hills Partnership as an opportunity for networking between Members, to experience new areas of the AONB and to discuss priority issues relating to the work programme of the Board.
  2. The Members of the Partnership includes the AONB Board and organisations listed in the Constitution. It is proposed to extend the invitation to relevant Working Group members, Trustees of the Society and Surrey Hills Enterprises Directors. Local parish councillors will also be encouraged to attend.
  3. For 2023, it is proposed to visit Manor Farm, Wotton. The hosts will be Paula Matthews, Chair of Surrey NFU, and Laurence Matthews. Paula and Laurence farm over 3000 acres stretching across 20 miles of the Surrey Hills. For more information see [link](https://www.manorfarmsurrey.com/).

1. **Outline Programme**
   1. The themes that we will explore in the morning are:

Environmental Land Management – Countryside Stewardship and the Surrey Hills Farming in Protected Landscapes programme

Conservation grazing and nature recovery

Farm Clusters

Renewables on farm

Educational access

Managing public access and dogs

2.2 In the afternoon there will be a presentation and discussion on Green Finance initiatives led by Sarah Jane Chimbwandira, CEO of Surrey Wildlife Trust and Chair of the Surrey Nature Partnership.

**Financial and value for money implications**

1. The costs of the catering for the event will be met out of the AONB Partnership Running Costs. There will be a local produce picnic lunch.

**Risk Management Implications**

1. Parking will be at Manor Farm and transport will be on the new tractor towed carriage (39 seat capacity). The main risks relate to the weather. Partners will be advised to wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

**Next steps:**

1. Partners have already been made aware of the date. A detailed programme and joining instructions will be issued following the AONB Board

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