Meeting: Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee

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1.   Purpose of Report

To inform Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee of the requirement to oversee the implementation of the Policies and Actions in the Management Plan for the World Heritage Site and its Buffer Zone, and thus to safeguard World Heritage status.

2.   Recommendations

The committee is invited to note the information indicated in the report and outlined in the presentation.

3.   Details

3.1   World Heritage Sites are very special places that are described as having 'outstanding universal value'; they are irreplaceable sources of inspiration and they belong to all of the peoples of the world.

3.2   The Sites are 'inscribed' on the World Heritage List by UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation). There are now 1007 World Heritage Sites, worldwide; 28 of them are in the UK and its territories.

3.3   Hadrian's Wall is a part of the frontier of a great empire that encompassed much of Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa. It is a symbol of a common heritage. The Wall was inscribed as a World Heritage Site (WHS) in 1987. It is now a component part of a much larger and more ambitious Site: the Frontiers of the Roman Empire (FRE). This is a 'transnational' Site: the result of the German Limes being added in 2005, and the Antonine Wall (between the Forth and the Clyde, in Scotland) in 2008.

3.4   Each World Heritage Site has to have a Management Plan that sets out why the place is special; what will be done to conserve and enhance it over a five-year period; and what will be done to explain its significance to visitors. This is the fourth edition of the Management Plan for the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site. The others were produced in 1996 - the first such Plan in the UK - in 2002, and in 2008.

3.5   At the heart of the Plan is a series of **Policies and Actions** which have been agreed for 2015 to 2019. The Policies explain the intention of the Plan, in all of its various facets, and should help organisations which wish to determine their own policies in relation to the

World Heritage Site. The Actions have been identified as priorities that can be reasonably expected to be achieved within current resources.

3.6 An overview of the progress of the Plan is maintained by a **Partnership Board** which is supported by a number of **Delivery Groups**.

3.7 The presentation will give an overview of the key priorities in the action plan and give members an opportunity to offer their views and observations.

4 Background Information

The following background papers have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

1) Hadrian's Wall Management Plan 2015 – 2019
   http://www.visithadrianswall.co.uk/world-heritage-management/hadrians-wall-management-plan