

AGENDA ITEM: 5

Historic Landscape Characterisation Project

To: Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum

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A. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To advise the Forum of progress with the Buckinghamshire Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) Project and proposals for a Chiltern Historic Landscape Project.

B. PROPOSED ACTION

2 The Committee is invited to:

- a) **NOTE progress with the Buckinghamshire Historic Landscape Characterisation Project and AGREE to DEFER consideration of a formal report to members in March 2005.**
- b) **SUPPORT the proposed Chiltern Historic Landscape Characterisation Project.**

C. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3 Bucks HLC is being funded jointly by Buckinghamshire County Council, Milton Keynes Council and English Heritage. The project is 85% funded by English Heritage.

D. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4 The background to the Bucks Historic Landscape Characterisation was presented to the Forum in March 2003. **The Senior Archaeological Officer will give a short presentation on progress, emerging uses and proposals for a Chiltern-wide HLC project being developed through the Chiltern Conservation Board.** It is intended that the latter project will have a special focus on the built historic environment.
- 5 Last year it had been intended that a draft report and recommendations for implementation would be available for consideration at this meeting of HEF and that the Forum could consider making it the subject of a formal report to its constituent bodies. In the interim, the extra work generated by the addition of Milton Keynes and the Milton Keynes Growth Area have set the programme back. In addition the desirability of starting the Chiltern HLC project in July 2004 means that the final

report will not be available until March 2005, although mapping will be completed in July 2004.

E. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Buckinghamshire Historic Landscape Characterisation Project, Report to the Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum March 2003.

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