**Chair Role Description**

**Role Overview**

The Chair is responsible for ensuring that the Landscape Partnership (LP) Board as a whole is enabled to play a full and constructive part in the delivery of the LP scheme and its overall vision and objectives.

**Term of office**

The LP Chair is permitted to serve until the end of the Delivery Phase.

**Duties**

In addition to the commitments and responsibilities of being a LP Board member, the Chair, or the Vice-Chair in their absence, will need to fulfil the following functions and responsibilities:

* Chair LP Board meetings and be the guardian of the LP Board’s decision-making process
* The Chair will have the responsibility for casting the deciding vote when a split decision occurs
* Maintain a close working relationship with the LP Programme team, particularly prior to meetings, to ensure that action points and recommendations have been or are being dealt with
* Ensure that the requirements for membership, meetings and decision-making outlined in the Terms of Reference for the LP Board are being adhered to
* Represent and promote the Land of the Fanns LP to a wide range of stakeholders and be a public relations figurehead for the LP Board
* Represent the LP externally, on any local, regional or national meetings
* Ensure that all constituents of the LP, i.e. Board, the Project Delivery Team, Working Groups and Consultative Body complete their assigned tasks satisfactorily

**Personal attributes and competencies for the LP Chair**

• Commitment to the LP and its vision and objectives as outlined in the Landscape Conservation Action Plan (LCAP)

• Willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to attend meetings and provide information and feedback via phone and email

• Integrity and suitable interpersonal skills

• Ability to think creatively and with vision

• Ability to work effectively as a team member with a shared sense of purpose

• Willingness to learn and be informed of both the activities of the LP and the context in which it operates

• Understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of LP Board membership

* Good communicator; can speak clearly and confidently
* A good listener who can effectively summarise the main points of a discussion and identify key action points or follow up recommendations

**Skills and expertise for the LP Chair**

• Local knowledge, experience, expertise and any relevant qualifications within their field of work that relate to the three main NLHF programme outcomes (heritage, people, communities)

• An understanding of the Land of the Fanns Landscape Partnership and its priorities

• Understanding of the language and structures of the LP and experience of partnership working

• Ability and willingness to be an active ambassador for the LP through networking and marketing the LP programme to appropriate individuals, communities and organisations

* Knowledgeable about the terms of reference for the LP Board
* Proven experience in managing/facilitating meetings including skills in managing group conflict, timekeeping and the ability to critique
* Experience and/or proven ability to fill a leadership role, which includes the ability to speak in public
* Good motivational skills. The Chair should instil enthusiasm in the LP Board for the vision and objectives outlined in the LCAP