



## **Volunteer Role Description – CRI Chairman**

### **Role Title**

Chair of the Central Rivers Initiative Board

### **Purpose of the Role**

The role of the Chair is to lead the Members of the Board, ensuring that it fulfils its responsibilities for the governance of the CRI; to Chair as required the Transforming the Trent Valley Landscape Partnership; to work in partnership with the Landscape Partnership Manager and the Lead Partner, helping them achieve the vision and aims of the TTTV LPS; and to facilitate good relations between the Members of the Board, the wider Partnership and the TTTV LPS staff and volunteers.

### **About CRI**

The Central Rivers Initiative (CRI) is a broad based partnership representing key interests who are working together to shape and guide the progressive restoration and revitalisation of the river valley between Burton, Lichfield and Tamworth - an area of central England that covers over 50 square km.

Our vision is to create and connect beautiful places where people can explore and enjoy water, landscape and wildlife, and to ensure that careful extraction and restoration by the area's many sand and gravel quarries will leave a sustainable network of wildlife habitats, public amenities and agricultural land. We also want to inspire and encourage landowners, communities and individuals to get involved in shaping their local landscape.

The CRI have led on a Landscape Partnership Scheme in partnership with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust as the Lead Partner and additional partners. A successful application was made to HLF in May 2016 and is detailed below.

### **About TTTV LPS**

The 'Transforming the Trent Valley' Landscape Partnership Scheme (TTTV LPS) is a programme funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and which is currently in its development phase. The TTTV LPS is made up of a number of individual projects within a defined landscape character area. These individual projects will be integrated in a way that achieves a long-term legacy for the area.

The scheme area covers the middle reaches of the River Trent from the south of Derby in Derbyshire to Rugeley in Staffordshire and includes the River Tame and River Dove as tributaries. The entire scheme area covers 199 square kilometres and is characterised as a fluvial landscape, distinguished for its sand and gravel quarries, former gravel pit lakes, wildlife-rich flood plains, pastoral farming and miles of river



and canal networks. The area is both naturally and culturally rich in character and yet is under extreme industrial and developmental pressure.

### **Type of work you will be involved with**

- Provide leadership for the CRI Board in their role of overseeing the TTTV LPS and setting the strategy and policy of the Partnership.
- Provide leadership as required for the TTTV LP Board, a scheme governance board consisting of CRI Board Members and additional partnership representatives, which oversees the TTTV LPS and reports into the CRI Board.
- Plan the quarterly cycle of CRI Board meetings, liaising with the Landscape Partnership Manager and Partnership and Scheme staff members as appropriate.
- Liaising with the Landscape Partnership Manager to set the agendas for Board meetings.
- Chairing the Board meetings.
- Liaising with the Landscape Partnership Manager to ensure that decisions taken at meetings are implemented.
- Providing leadership for the Board Members in their role of setting the strategy and leadership of the CRI and TTTV LPS.
- Keep an overview of the CRI and TTTV LPS and the Partnership's affairs.
- Ensure that the CRI is funded sustainably, facilitate the Landscape Partnership Manager in securing Member subscriptions and promote and encourage appropriate new membership.
- Sit on appointment and procedural panels as appropriate and in accordance with agreed procedures.
- Represent the CRI and TTTV LPS and Partnership at functions, meetings and to act as a spokesperson as appropriate and after approval from the CRI Board, TTTV LP Board, Lead Partner and Landscape Partnership Manager.
- Ensuring appropriate systems of working and good governance.

### **Skills and abilities required**

- Leadership
- Strategic knowledge and understanding of the CRI and TTTV LPS including the wider Partnership's responsibilities and activities.
- Experience of committees.
- Ability to chair meetings effectively.
- Tact and diplomacy.
- Good people skills.
- Impartiality, fairness and the ability to respect confidences.

It is also desirable, but not necessary, for the Chair to have a wider involvement with other organisations and networks concerned with work undertaken by the Partnership.



### **Where you will be based**

Meetings are generally held at venues provided by Board Members within the CRI and TTTV LPS area.

### **Availability**

Meetings are generally held quarterly on a Friday between 9am and 12pm. Additional meetings (with the Landscape Partnership Manager, for example) will be held Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

### **Contact**

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### **Application**

To apply for this role please email your CV and a covering letter explaining why you believe you are suited to the role to Louise Morris on [l.morris@staffs-wildlife.org.uk](mailto:l.morris@staffs-wildlife.org.uk) by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017**.

Selection will be by informal guided interview about your skills and experience in relation to the role, on a date to be agreed following the closing date. Interviews will be held at the Wolseley Centre, Wolseley Bridge ST17 0WT

If you feel you might have what we need, or know someone who does, then we would be delighted to hear from you.

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