



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF AN ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE AUDIT FOR THE GLENS OF ANTRIM

Background

Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust is a partnership organisation involving public, private and voluntary sector representatives from seven local authorities, the community sector, and the environment sector together with representatives from the farming and tourism industries. The overall aim of the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust is to 'promote environmental management and sustainable tourism which aims to protect and enhance the unique heritage of the Causeway Coast and Glens area'.

Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme

The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust the development phase of a new Landscape Partnership Scheme for the Glens of Antrim. This scheme, entitled 'Heart of the Glens' has the potential to see investment of over £1.8 million into the Glens region, subject to securing match funding and successfully identifying the key projects for the next five years. There are four programmes that projects will be developed under:

1. Conservation and enhancement of the natural and built heritage of the Glens of Antrim
2. Increasing community participation
3. Access and learning
4. Heritage skills and training

The development phase is being supported by 4 Local Councils – Ballymoney, Ballymena, Moyle and Larne Council. In order to successfully implement a range of projects under the four programmes, with a balance across the 4 Council areas, it is crucial to identify the need for projects. The development phase allows for assessments, survey work and baseline audits to be conducted in order to establish and understand such needs and it has been identified that there is a strong need to improve and enhance access opportunities within the Glens of Antrim.

Overall Outcome

To prepare and develop an Access to the Countryside Audit that will help inform key projects under the Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme.

What is expected?

The aim is to prepare, in partnership with the Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust, an Access to the Countryside Audit for the Glens of Antrim that assesses the current status of access both in terms of official and non official trails, with recommendations for future projects in light of the objectives of the Landscape Partnership Scheme. A crucial element of this work will be the engagement with the Local Council Countryside Access Officers, in order to understand the needs within their respective areas. In particular, the audit will contain the following information:

1. Background Information and Introductions
2. Status of Accessibility within the Glens:
 - a. Access to publically owned land, both official and non official, ownership details, maps and images to illustrate information
 - b. SWOT Analysis of current access – This will inform CCGHT about conditions of trails, maintenance issues, opportunities for enhancement etc.
 - c. Consideration to links to public transport networks for visitors/locals
 - d. Access Opportunities:
 - i. Recommendations for future projects under the Landscape Partnership Scheme that consider interpretation, signage, marked ways enhancements
 - ii. Recommendations for new trail developments on both public and private land
 - iii. Identification of main issues and barriers to developments
3. Conclusions and Summary of Recommendations

Timescale for completion

The deadline for completion of this audit is **Friday 7th September 2012**

Selection Criteria

Tender submissions will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

- Understanding of the brief – Your submission should show clearly your understanding of what is being proposed.
- Proposed methodology – Your submission should clearly outline your proposed approach and methodology. It should highlight target dates

- for completion of different work stages and indicate proposed reporting arrangements.
- Previous experience – Your submission should detail any previous consultancy experience undertaken by your organisation or other consultants within your proposed team which may be relevant to the proposed study.
 - Specialist experience in undertaking projects of a similar nature – Your submission should clearly outline any specialist knowledge in relation to the proposed study.
 - Value for money – Your submission should include a detailed breakdown of costs, including consultant fee and travel and subsistence costs

Budget

The maximum budget for this project has been set at £8,000 inclusive of all expenses and VAT.

Deadline for Tender Submissions

The deadline for submission of tender submissions is **Friday 20th July by 4pm**. Each tender should be sent via post or email for the attention of Sarah Irwin, Landscape Partnership Scheme Manager for the Heart of the Glens. The postal address is:

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The email address for submissions is sarah@ccght.org

Please Note –The LPS Manager will be out of office between Monday 8th-Monday 16th July but can be contactable before or after this date regarding the tender. For urgent queries you can contact our office on 02820752100

Coast and Glens Heritage Trust is not bound to accept either the lowest or any of the tenders received

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