

FOREST OF BOWLAND AONB JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AONB Budget update

(Appendix A refers)

Issue for consideration

This report presents the revised and updated budget for 2018/19 at Appendix 'A' (column 3), which takes account of the protected AONB funding settlement agreed by Defra in January 2016.

AONB Unit Salary Costs

The committee will note that there is a significant increase in salary costs in the revised budget from the position presented in October 2017. This reflects the additional costs of establishing two part-time positions as follows:

- AONB Countryside Access Officer (0.5FTE)
- AONB Farming and Wildlife Officer (0.4FTE)

These positions have been created to help address the loss of support previously provided to the AONB Partnership by Lancashire County Council Environment & Community Officers (namely Tarja Wilson and Dave Padley) who helped to deliver aspects of the AONB Management Plan.

These two part-time positions have been combined with closely related positions within the new Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership team to create full time jobs.

AONB Projects Budget

Therefore, the budget allows £69,649 for an annual programme of projects to help deliver the AONB Management Plan.

As ever, this 'Projects' budget will continue to be used by the AONB Unit to attract additional external income to supplement the Partnership budget and help to deliver the AONB Management Plan.

Decision to be taken

The committee is asked to:

- i. note the revised AONB budget for 2018/19