

FOREST OF BOWLAND AONB JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Three Counties: Lune Valley

Background

At the Committee meeting held in October 2022, a brief outline was presented of the proposed landscape heritage programme, titled 'Three Counties: Lune Valley', focused on the middle and lower reaches of the Lune catchment.

Since then, the AONB Unit has been working closely with other principal project partners (Yorkshire Dale National Park, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and Sustrans) to further develop project ideas for inclusion in a Stage 1 funding bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This work has included two workshop sessions to develop project ideas with principal project partners and wider local organisations and individuals interested in the landscape, nature and heritage of the area. The accompanying summary outlines the scope, scale and geography of the proposed programme.

Implications for the AONB Partnership

The Heritage Fund Stage 1 bid is planned for submission by Yorkshire Dales Millennium in early August 2023. Should the bid be successful, there would be an expectation that the AONB Partnership (as a principal project partner) commits up to £10k in matched funds towards the Development Phase from early 2024 onwards.

It is anticipated that such a commitment could be accommodated within the annual AONB 'Projects' programme available to the AONB Partnership.

Decision Required

The Committee is requested to:

- i) note the report and offer comments
- ii) offer approval (if acceptable) for the AONB Manager to work with project partners to jointly submit a Stage 1 bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund by early August 2023