**Forest of Bowland AONB Joint Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 9th October 2013**

**AONB Management Plan Review Update**

**Issue for consideration**

In January 2013, the Joint Advisory Committee agreed to carry out a review of the statutory AONB Management Plan. The report and appendices summarise progress made towards delivery of the business plan, alongside plans for the coming year:

**Background**

Key stages completed to date:

* Confirmation of agreement from local authorities to progress with the review under the auspices of the Joint Advisory Committee
* Four community consultation workshops held (with the assistance S Robinson Consulting) in June 2013 Downham, Dunsop Bridge, Hornby and Tosside, with almost 40 attendees across the four workshops. A summary report of the consultation is available.
* Four thematic or topic consultation workshops (meeting notes are available) held in July 2013 involving members of relevant organisations and interest groups to on:
* Landscape and Biodiversity
* Access, Recreation, Information and Events
* Planning and Development
* Farming and Land Management (through meetings of the Bowland Land Managers Forum)
* Working draft Plan tabled at Management Plan Review Group for discussion at meeting on 5th September 2013
* Scoping report for the Strategic Environmental Assessment sent on 11th September to statutory agencies (English Heritage, Environment Agency and Natural England) for comment.
1. **AONB Management Plan – Outcomes, Visions and Objectives**

(Agenda Item 10a refers)

This report is a summary of the AONB Management Plan Outcomes, Visions and Objectives. This provides the framework for the AONB delivery or action plan and is currently nearing completion.

A full draft Plan, containing background, context and actions for the Plan, will be made available to the Committee in late October 2013, when formal consultation commences.

1. **Revised AONB Management Plan Review Timetable**

(Agenda Item 10b refers)

This timetable sets out both completed and remaining stages/milestones of the review process and estimated dates of completion for each stage.

**Decision to be taken**

The Committee is asked to:

1. note the report and offer comments on AONB Management Plan review.
2. provide formal comments on the full draft plan when made publicly available in late October 2013.