

**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.

a) 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.

b) 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:

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