

Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference of the Advisory Committee 2023/24

Issue for Consideration

The Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference of the Advisory Committee for 2023/24.

Information

It is reported for the information of the Committee that the Constituent Authorities of the Advisory Committee have informed the Secretary of their representatives appointed to serve for the year 2023/24.

The Constitution and Membership of the Advisory Committee is, therefore, as follows:

Lancashire County Council

County Councillor M Maxwell-Scott
County Councillor G Mirfin
County Councillor S Turner

North Yorkshire Council

County Councillor S Myers

Lancaster City Council

Councillor R Colbridge

Pendle Borough Council

Councillor B Newman

Preston City Council

Councillor A Hindle

Ribble Valley Borough Council

Councillor Mrs R Elms

Wyre Borough Council

Councillor J Ibison

Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Ms C Kynch

Yorkshire Local Councils Association

Mr C Price

United Utilities

Mr P Wilson

Environment Agency

Ms H Dix

Natural England

Ms G Hinton

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

Mr R Horner

Bowland Land Managers' Forum

Mr A Taylor

Ramblers Association

Mr D Kelly

Champion Bowland

Mr M Pugh

Friends of Bowland

Ms M Pilkington

Moorland Association

Mr N Kilgour

The Committee and its constituent bodies are responsible for the co-ordinating the review and implementation of the AONB Management Plan.

The role of the Committee and its Terms of Reference are as follows:

The Joint Advisory Committee supports and encourages an active partnership between all the organisations and agencies involved and co-ordinates management over the whole of the AONB. The aim is to:

- promote the AONB at national, county and local level
- ensure that the landscape of the AONB is conserved and enhanced appropriately through the implementation of the AONB Management Plan
- work to assist the social and economic well-being of the AONB commensurate with the conservation and enhancement of its special qualities
- provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas
- consider any issues likely to affect the area adversely and agree appropriate action
- make recommendations for new initiatives, projects and programmes

A range of organisations with interests in the AONB is eligible for membership. Members include local authorities and the key organisations and interests, including representatives of local communities, whose involvement will assist in implementing the Management Plan.

Membership is kept under review and is at the discretion of the local authorities. Ideally there should be between 10 and 20 members and, where it is not practicable to include all of the represented interests, regular consultation and briefing mechanisms should be established.

Brief for the Joint Advisory Committee:

- co-ordinate the preparation and implementation of strategic plans for the AONB, including the preparation of the statutory Management Plan
- advise local authorities preparing local plans or other policies, covering all or part of the AONB, to ensure that policies and practices (including those for development management) are co-ordinated and consistent with the statement of commitment and the AONB Management Plan
- advise local authorities and other agencies on the level of resources required for effective AONB management

- lobby to influence organisations that are not members of the JAC in the delivery of their services and programmes in order to benefit the landscape, environment and its local communities and businesses
- advise on, and co-ordinate the actions of the constituent organisations to achieve the objectives of the AONB and, in particular, ensure that the statement of commitment and Management Plan are implemented and reviewed. This includes:
 - receiving monitoring reports from the partners on progress and achievements in implementing the Management Plan, reviewing the Management Plan every five years and producing an annual report,
 - agreeing an annual work programme for the AONB to be delivered by the partners and the AONB Unit,
 - carrying out investigations of key issues, as they arise, for example by setting up working groups or conducting research
 - advising the appropriate local planning authority about any developments within or adjacent to the AONB that are likely to affect significantly the landscape character and natural beauty of the area
 - acting as forum for the discussion of major issues affecting the natural beauty of the landscape and AONB in general
 - promoting other action that is necessary to further the objectives of the AONB designation