

**ARNSIDE/SILVERDALE
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY**

Executive Committee meeting

Wednesday 23rd January 2008

Decision Paper:

AONB Management Plan Review 2007- 09

The AONB Executive Committee is acting on behalf of the four principal local authorities with responsibilities for the Arnside and Silverdale AONB, in carrying out a review of the AONB Management Plan 2004 –2009 as required by section 89/90 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

The Executive Committee, the Executive Committee Management Plan review group and the Technical Officers Group have all been engaged in the process of the review to date and are confident that the review is proceeding properly and in a timely manner.

The purpose of this paper is to formally set the extent of the review and agree the format of the proposed documents that will be produced at the conclusion of the review.

The recommendation of the Technical Officers' Groups is that the review be conducted in accordance with the Scoping Report produced by the AONB Service and the following criteria:

- The Vision statements have been revised, agreed and formally approved by the Executive
- The major changes are the inclusion of two new visions and consequently new issues and objectives associated with these visions
- There are a number of relatively minor changes to each of the remaining visions and associated issues and objectives
- There are no significant deletions of content from the existing Plan
- There is no over-riding need to carry out extensive consultation exercises other than ensuring full Partnership involvement and allowing widespread comment on draft documents through both written and web based inputs
- The review will conclude with
 - the publication of a report on the review content
 - the production of a new Management Plan document
 - the production of a separate Action Plan and Atlas of AONB maps
NB Action Plan & Atlas will be disc based or only available in print to special order
 - production of an Environmental Report following the SEA process
 - adoption of the revised Management Plan by the local authorities
 - submission of the revised plan and associated documents to the Secretary of State

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