

**Minutes of AONB Management Plan Review Work Group
Thursday 08 May - Innovation Centre, Newport**

Present:

Tony Tutton	Chairman, AONB Steering Committee (Chair)
David Court	Coastal Portfolio Holder - Steering Committee
Richard Grogan	Nature Conservation Portfolio Holder - Steering Committee
Jill Green	Recreation Portfolio Holder - Steering Committee
Andy Gordon	Natural England
Councillor John Hobart	Isle of Wight Council
Nicky Rogers	AONB Planning Officer
Fiona Hanna	AONB Communication Officer
Carrie McDowell	AONB Assistant

1) Apologies:

Denis Russell	Vice Chairman and Town and Parish Portfolio Holder - Steering Committee
Vicky Basford	Historic Environment Portfolio Holder - Steering Committee
Councillor V Churchman	Isle of Wight Council
Julie Danby	Natural England

2) Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings of the last meeting.

3) Strategic Environment Assessment scoping document

Responses have been received from Wendy Perera, Vicky Basford and Natural England, but none from the Environment Agency or English Heritage and the deadline date has now passed. It was agreed we should confirm to the Environment Agency and English Heritage, that we consider their lack of response as confirmation they are content with the document.

The next stage is the production of a draft Consultation Document, which will be included as an Appendix to the original Management Plan. This will include the Strategic Environment Assessment scoping document and the Habitat Regulations Assessment.

Action: Confirmation to English Heritage and the Environment Agency regarding lack of comment

4) Feedback from Workshop Three

Several replies were received to the survey sent to Partners, and there was unanimous agreement to the use of specific topics in the Delivery Plan. There was a discussion regarding the topics to cover the five years until the next Management Plan, these were as follows:-

- 1) Managing Landscape and Access
- 2) Highways - prior to the commencement of the Private Finance Initiative

- 3) Economy and Economic Development with links to communities
- 4) Coastal matters
- 5) Owning your AONB - awareness and quiet enjoyment.

5) Management Plan Review Document - Update

Once the Draft Plan has been launched, it is intended that it will be sent to Partnership members for their comments either by paper or online. There will be a report on what information has been missed through the consultation process, as the current Management Plan is still relevant and we only need to update challenges and make the policies clearer.

JB has already prepared some of the document, but only in the section of Place, not People. Detail is required on the challenges highlighted as a result of the consultation process, and the visions added to each section. It was agreed the section marked 'Biodiversity' should be changed back to 'Wildlife'.

6) Any Other Business

Nothing was raised on this item.

7) Date and subject of next meeting

It was agreed this would be held at the end of June or early July, when we will have some feedback from the stakeholder consultations, and possibly in conjunction with the next Steering Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.

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