

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
30 OCTOBER 2008**

AONB INDICATORS

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of the Indicators used to measure AONB Partnership performance and AONB Condition.

2.0 AONB PARTNERSHIP INDICATORS

- 2.1 At the JAC meeting in March 2006 the Committee indicated that the list of potential 'performance' Indicators put forward was too cumbersome. Subsequent discussions at the Core Funders Group agreed that progress on delivering Management Plan Objectives could be monitored via the annual JAC reporting process, whilst the performance of the Partnership as a whole was already measured by the Countryside Agency (Natural England's) Partnership Indicators.
- 2.2 It was therefore agreed to use the Natural England AONB Partnership Indicators as the standard measure of performance. The results for 2007/08 are attached as Appendix 1.

3.0 AONB CONDITION INDICATORS

- 3.1 At the JAC meeting in October 2006 it was resolved that a list of AONB Condition Indicators should be compiled and circulated, based upon an amalgamation of the JAC and Countryside Agency lists. It appears that this was never done.
- 3.2 Work on revising the AONB Management Plan brought this oversight to our attention and the amalgamated list, now included in the draft revised Management Plan, is attached as Appendix 2.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- a) The Performance Indicator results contained in Appendix 1 be noted.
- b) The list of Condition Indicators contained in Appendix 2 be noted as the list now being put forward for consultation in the revised AONB Management Plan.