

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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AONB INDICATORS

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2.0 AONB PARTNERSHIP INDICATORS

- 2.1 In line with Objective MN1.2 of the AONB Management Plan, the former Natural England AONB Partnership Indicators are used as the standard measure of performance. The results for 2013/14 are attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Natural England no longer require the compilation and submission of these Indicators, as they are not responsible for monitoring the performance of AONB Partnerships since AONB sponsorship moved to Defra in April 2011. The results have however been collated for 2013/14, to continue this dataset for comparison purposes.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Performance Indicator results contained in Appendix 1 be noted.

AONB Partnership and Unit Indicators 2013/14

Ref	Theme	Measure for the indicator	Definition	Response	Benefits
1	AONB Management Plan	The AONB Unit has a current Management Plan which meets the requirements of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.	<p>The Plan has been reviewed within five years of the last one.</p> <p>It conforms to the guidance for AONB Management Plans provided by The Countryside Agency.</p> <p>It has been formally adopted and published by all the relevant local authorities.</p> <p>A copy has been lodged with DEFRA.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	Demonstrates compliance with a core statutory duty.
2	AONB Partnership	The AONB has an active and effective governance structure.	<p>Record of regular AONB Board, Joint Committee, Joint Advisory Committee, Partnership, Board Meetings.</p> <p>Record of number of active sub meetings, management groups, technical groups, public meetings, fora etc</p> <p>AONB has undertaken a formal review of its governance structures within the last 5 years.</p> <p>Has an adopted current set of terms of reference.</p> <p>Has a publicly available record of its meetings, agendas and minutes.</p>	<p>3 JACs (54%)</p> <p>4 CPGs (84%); 1 Partnership Group (26%); 1 SDF Grant Panel.</p> <p>No (Full review October 2001). Minor review March 2004).</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes (via NYCC)</p>	Demonstrates the scale of bodies involved and that they are active.

3a	AONB Staff Unit	The AONB Unit has staff resources to undertake its work.	Total the number of AONB staff and their specialisms, in full-time equivalents, including core staff and any project staff that were directly managed and hosted by the AONB Unit, at the financial year end.	1 x AONB Manager. 1 x AONB Officer. 1 x AONB Assistant (0.5 f.t.e.) Total – 2.5 f.t.e.	Demonstrates that the AONB Unit has the staff resources and capacity to undertake management effectively.
3b		AONB Unit staff invests in continuous professional development.	Of the total in Measure 3a above, list the number who undertook and recorded a minimum of 30 hours of training, personal development or similar C.P.D. activity during the year (adjusted pro-rata for part time staff).	0 f.t.e.	
4a	Financial resources	The AONB Unit secures direct income to fund its work.	Total income received into the AONB unit's own account from all sources during the financial year.	Total £207,225	Demonstrates the level of financial resources directly secured by the AONB Unit.
4b			The percentage of the figure in Measure 4a above which was received from Defra and Local Authorities	91%	
4c			The amount received (part of 4a) from Defra and Local Authorities	Total £187,781	
5a	Leverage and “added value”	Additional resources mobilised by AONB unit through its partnership work.	Include the figure given in Measure 4a above. Then add in the total funding for projects and partnership programmes in that year in which the AONB Unit played a significant part i.e. where it would not have gone ahead or would have been substantially smaller without AONB input. For example include matching income for any SDF funded project; total funds for partner HLF projects involving the AONB.	Total £337,545	Demonstrates the level of financial leverage and added value obtained by the AONB Unit through its wider project programmes and partnerships.
5b			The percentage of the figure above which was received from Defra.	37%	
			The percentage of the figure above which was received from Local Authorities.	18%	

6a	Financial management and reporting	Agreed timetable and requirements for financial management and reporting with Defra met by the AONB unit	<p>The Unit submitted its final grant claim to Defra for the preceding financial year by the stated claim date (31st May 2011).</p> <p>Published its annual report for the preceding year within six months of the financial year end.</p> <p>Submitted its business plan and grant application for the succeeding financial year by the required date (31st January).</p> <p>Submitted its interim grant claim by the required date (31st January).</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes. 2012/13 report published Sept 2013.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	Demonstrates effective administration and management of financial affairs.
6b		Defra met the agreed timetable and requirements for financial management and reporting with the AONB Unit.	Defra made written formal core and Sustainable Development Fund offers of grant aid for the succeeding financial year by 31 March.	Yes	
7a	Partnership working with management communities	The AONB Unit is an active partner in the work of the National Association for AONBs.	<p>The AONB Unit (through its host authority or partnership organisation) was a full member of the National Association for AONBs.</p> <p>Was represented by attendance at the Annual Conference of the Association.</p> <p>All AONB Unit core staff attended at least 1 other national or regional NAAONB sponsored seminar, training event or meeting each.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	Demonstrates partnership working for AONB family at a national, regional and local level.

7b		The AONB Unit actively involved in partnership working at a local level.	Total number of project steering groups, research initiatives, working groups and partnerships where the AONB Unit played an active and key role (ie not just a passive member of a forum or conference).	12 Ryedale/Scarborough/AONB BAP, River Rye project Working Group, NYBAG, LEADER Support Group, LEADER LAG, NYCC Ranger Team 3 Liaison Group, Development Officers Group, Northern Powergrid DPCR5 Working Group, Rural:Urban Schools Twinning Project, North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Partnership, Protected Landscapes/LEP group, Moors & More Tourism Network	
7c		The AONB Management Plan is formally endorsed and supported by partner organisations.	List the number of organisations who formally endorsed the plan when written and at the last review.	6 (3 x LAs, NE; FC; EH)	
8a	Business Plan targets	Achievement of the targets set out by the AONB unit in its annual business plan or equivalent.	Include all actions set out in the annual business plan/ <u>core bid document</u> agreed with Defra. (Milestones in bid document)	18 ex 28 (64%)	
8b	Management Plan progress	The AONB Management Plan actions were implemented to schedule.	Include the AONB Management Plan actions that were progressed or completed during the year, shown as a percentage of all the AONB Management Plan actions that were scheduled for action during the year. An AONB unit led actions figure and 'all partnership actions' figure.	AONB Unit-led - 79% 'All Partnership' - 86% Progress against a further 0 Objectives where no specific annual targets had been set.	Demonstrates that the AONB Unit achieves the objectives and actions it sets itself.

Abbreviations: CPG – Core Partners Group; ES – Environmental Stewardship; HLF – Heritage Lottery Fund; NYCC – North Yorkshire County Council; NYMNP – North York Moors National Park; BAP – Biodiversity Action Plan partnership; NYBAG – North Yorkshire Biodiversity Action Group; SG – Steering Group