

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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NAAONB UPDATE

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of the work areas currently being covered by the NAAONB team.

2.0 CURRENT ISSUES

- 2.1 Appendix 1 shows the areas of work that the NAAONB is currently concentrating on. Members will appreciate that a large number of significant Government initiatives are on-going at the current time. The attached diagram shows these and the AONB Manager will provide the latest situation via an oral update at the meeting.
- 2.2 The left hand side of the table shows the Government initiatives that are currently active, with the central column showing the specific items of work that AONBs are contributing to each of these. Many of these work items apply to more than one policy area, for example comments and asks input to the Glover Review would (if taken up and subsequently implemented by Government) be delivered via some of the other mechanisms shown (e.g. the Environment Bill).
- 2.3 The right hand column shows the internal areas of work that the NAAONB is working on – the ‘Taking the Lead’ programme building future organisational resilience and being delivered with Heritage Lottery Funding; an internal review of the NAAONB’s governance structure; and plans for events to mark the 70th anniversary of the 1949 National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act, which brought AONBs into existence.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the work being carried out by the NAAONB, with assistance from AONB Teams including the Howardian Hills Team, be noted for information.

Environment Bill

- Environmental objectives and scope
- Metrics / data
- Net Gain
- Nature Recovery network
- Outcome 1c/TBG

Agriculture Bill

- Tests and Trials
- Amendment

Glover Review

- Advocacy and information
- Intelligence

25 YEP

- NPPF Guidance
- Natural Beauty
- Duty of Due Regard

Valued & Resilient

- NPA/AONB collaboration
- Nature Map

Taking the Lead

- Technology and Data
- Income and Funding
- Internal Communications
- External Communications
- Advocacy
- Collaboration
- Staff Development

Governance Review

70th Anniversary

- Conference
- Colchester Declaration
- National Arts programme
- Celebratory publication

Relations

- Govts and Agencies
- NPE
- IEMA
- CPRE
- National Trust
- Arts Council England
- Landscape Institute