

NORTH YORKSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

17 JUNE, 2004

ACCESS MANAGEMENT GRANT SCHEME

1.0	<u>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</u>
1.1	To inform Forum members of the existence of this scheme.

2.0 THE SCHEME.

- 2.1 The Access Management Grant Scheme (AMGS) is a Defra scheme administered by the Countryside Agency. The AMGS is designed to provide short-term financial support and guidance to those who will undertake the practical management of the rights of open access. The Scheme makes payments to land managers and access authorities to facilitate public use of the new rights and will be available 6 months prior to commencement in each mapping region and will initially run for one year. In North Yorkshire, Region 4, which includes the Nidderdale AONB, is due to commence in June 2005 and Region 5 shortly thereafter.
- 2.2 Those applying for funding should undertake an assessment of their area and develop a Local Access Management Plan in consultation with the Local Access Forum. The guidance from the Countryside Agency is only in draft form and I enclose the preface and introduction.

3.0	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
	That the report be noted.

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9 June, 2004