

## NORTH YORKSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2005

### PROPOSALS FOR SUB-GROUP ON RESTRICTIONS TO ACCESS LAND

#### **1.0** PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 For the Forum to give further consideration to the proposal for the establishment of a sub-group to deal with applications for long term restrictions on access to open access land.

#### **2.0** BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Forum on 11 November 2004, Members resolved to establish a Sub-Group comprised of six Members of the Forum (two from each interest group) to give advice to the Forum on applications for restrictions on access to open access land of greater than six months duration. As the regulations neither make any explicit provision allowing the establishment of Sub-Groups, nor explicitly state that the establishments of Sub-Groups would be unlawful the Forum resolved that the role of any Sub-Group established would be advisory and that all restriction applications continue to be considered at meetings of the full Local Access Forum and that if necessary a Special Meeting be convened.

The original Members of the Sub-Group were as follows:-

Ted Flexman (other interest group)  
Max Grant (user interest group)  
County Councillor Bill Hault (other interest group)  
Stephen Ramsden (landowner/occupier interest group)  
Rodney Waddilove (user interest group)  
Tom Wheelwright (landowner/occupier interest group)

As some of the Members of the original Sub-Group are no longer Members of the Forum Members are asked to consider:-

- (i) Abandoning proposals for a Sub-Group to advise the Forum on restriction applications received and for all such applications to be dealt with by the full Local Access Forum.
- (ii) To retain the Sub-Group and to make nominations for appointment.