

## ANNUAL REPORT

### ***Purpose***

To present the annual reports for 2023/24 on the achievements of the Wye Valley AONB Unit / National Landscape Team.

### ***Recommendations***

That the JAC welcome the Annual Report on AONB/National Landscape achievements for 2023/24

### ***Key Issues***

- During 2023/4 all Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) rebranded as National Landscapes.
- The 2023/24 Annual Report on the Work Programme is appended for the Wye Valley AONB Unit / National Landscape Team, along with the summary financial report.
- High levels of achievement were maintained despite the challenges of some staff turnover and consequent reduced capacity during recruitment periods.
- The AONB Unit/National Landscape Team turnover in 2023/24 was £1,112,852 resulting in the leverage of over nearly £23 for every £1 of local authority contribution.

### ***Reasons***

The Work Programme Report for 2023/24 tabulates the achievements of the AONB Unit, which rebranded as the National Landscape Team during the period. The Work Programme Annual Report is also presented to DEFRA and Welsh Government as contributory evidence to the National Landscape/AONB Partnership annual grant claims to the two government core funding partners.

### ***Implications***

The report to July JAC provided a summary to the 2023/24 year.