

TECHNICAL OFFICERS'  
WORKING PARTY REPORT

WYE VALLEY AONB  
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
7<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## **NAAONB UPDATE**

### ***Purpose***

To advise members of activity through the National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NAAONB).

FOR INFORMATION

### ***Key Issues***

- The National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NAAONB) Chairman's Conference and AGM is on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and will be attended by the AONB Manager.
- The AONB Manager represented the NAAONB at the launch of the State of Natural Resources Report (SoNaRR) by Natural Resources Wales.

### **NAAONB Chairman's Conference**

The Landscapes for Life Chairmen's Conference which will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in London. The theme for this year's conference is "Landscape post Brexit".

Lord Gardiner MP, Under Secretary of State for Environment, Defra will be keynote speaker and along with other guest speakers talking about the implications of Brexit on environmental legislation, UK agriculture post CAP and legislation affecting the historic environment.

The one day conference will look at the UK's Protected Landscapes Family's work as dynamic living landscapes that underpin the economy and the health and wellbeing of society. It will provide a timely and valuable opportunity to take Post Brexit thinking forward together as a Protected Landscape Family.

There will be a short Q&A after the Minister's address. Therefore please advise whether there are any questions that should be asked on behalf of the Wye Valley AONB Partnership.

### **State of Natural Resources Report**

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) have produced the State of Natural Resources Report (SoNaRR). On 3<sup>rd</sup> October Lesley Griffiths AM, Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, launched NRW's State of Natural Resources Report in Cardiff. The report sets out the state of Wales' natural resources. It assesses the extent to which natural resources in Wales are being sustainably managed, and recommends a proactive approach to building resilience. It also links the resilience of Welsh natural resources to the well-being of the people of Wales. The AONB Manager represented the NAAONB at the event and expressed the importance of landscape and the role it can play in managing natural resources in an integrated way.