

AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION & REVIEW

Purpose

To note the Public Consultation period for the AONB Management Plan and the revised review programme.

Recommendations

That the JAC:

- A. Encourages engagement by all partners and interested parties in the public consultation process that extends until 6th January 2020.
- B. Notes the revised programme for completion of the AONB Management Plan.

Key Issues

- The public consultation draft Wye Valley AONB Management Plan 2020-2025 is available on the Wye Valley AONB website <https://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk/caring-for-wye-valley-aonb/management-plans/2020-2025-consultation/>.
- The 10 week public consultation period runs from 23rd October until 6th January 2020.
- As part of the consultation process two public meetings will be held in early December.

Reasons

Under Section 89 of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 Local Authorities have a duty to produce an AONB Management Plan and review it every 5 years. On behalf of the local authorities the Wye Valley AONB Unit has produced the Consultation Draft AONB Management Plan 2020-25.

Implications

The 10 week public consultation period for the draft Wye Valley AONB Management Plan 2020-2025 is from 23rd October to 6th January 2020. The document is available on <https://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk/caring-for-wye-valley-aonb/management-plans/2020-2025-consultation/>. The consultation process has been widely promoted on social media, in the local press and the Plan is also available in local libraries and council offices. Two public meetings are planned for early December as part of the consultation process.

There has been some slippage to the previously agreed review programme. The revised timetable is appended. The JAC will receive the Post Consultation report and finalised Wye Valley AONB Management Plan 2020-2025 for adoption at the meeting on 6th July 2020.

Background

The CROW Act 2000 (Sections 89 and 90) require local authorities to act jointly and publish an AONB Management Plan for their AONB, at not more than five year intervals, which formulates their policy for the management of their AONB and for the carrying out of their functions in relation to it.