



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 12 JULY, 10.00 am, MIDDLESMOOR VILLAGE HALL

AGENDA

Tea and coffee on arrival from 9.45

<p>1. Attendance and notification of substitutes</p> <p>2. Declaration of interests</p> <p>3. Chair's review of progress in 2006/07 financial year</p> <p>4. Elections for the JAC Chair and Vice Chair</p> <p>5. Elections for the JAC's Planning Panel</p> <p>6. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2007 (circulated on 4th April)</p> <p>7. Matters arising from the minutes</p> <p>8. Report on proceedings of the Business Plan Review Working Party</p> <p><i>This report contains an account of work carried out by Members of the JAC's Business Plan Review Working Party together with recommendations about changes to the structure and function of the JAC that have been developed in consultation with stakeholders and the wider community.</i></p> <p>9. The AONB's Historic Environment project</p> <p><i>Pippa Pemberton, the AONB's newly appointed Historic Environment Project Officer, will describe her role and work in progress that will culminate in a Historic Environment Strategy for the AONB.</i></p> <p><i>The AONB's historic environment is a key component of natural beauty. The aim of the strategy, which will be developed through wide consultation, is to identify conservation priorities and coordinate the work of statutory bodies, local authorities, the AONB and community organisations.</i></p> <p>10. Friends</p> <p><i>The latest news from the Friends, whose membership topped 400 in June</i></p>	<p>Written report attached</p> <p>Verbal report</p> <p>Verbal report</p>
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<p>11. Planning Matters</p> <p><i>This item will include a review of the JAC's response to the recent consultation by Government on proposals to extend permitted development rights to micro generation equipment</i></p> <p>12. Reports from partners</p> <p>13. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>Verbal report</p>
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LUNCH IN THE CROWN INN AT MIDDLESMOOR WILL FOLLOW FROM APPROXIMATELY 12.30PM

The afternoon session with members of the Sustainability Research Institute from University of Leeds will take place from 1.15pm:



This DEFRA-funded project is working with moorland owners, farmers, conservationists and others in the Peak District, the Scottish Borders and in Nidderdale to develop a framework for the future of the uplands that builds on current land uses to meet challenges on the immediate horizon (see Project Summary below). The aim of the afternoon will be to:

- **Inform** the JAC about current and possible future work by the Sustainable Uplands RELU-funded project. It will be an opportunity for Members to ask questions and **influence** the research agenda
- Identify and evaluate relevant upland management **issues and stakeholders** in Nidderdale AONB
- Provide a focus for future research in this area by the Sustainable Uplands RELU team that ensures outputs are consistent with the **needs and priorities of local stakeholders**
- Provide participants with an opportunity to start **discussing potential solutions** to key issues, to get a feel for the kind of outputs this research may be able to help facilitate

The session will begin with a group exercises led by the University in the village hall, and afterwards on the surrounding moorlands belonging to Middlesmoor Estate.

Sustainable Uplands - Non-Technical Project Summary:

Natural and social scientists plan to join forces with locals and policy makers to develop a framework that could be applied throughout the country's uplands to find new ways for people to detect change and harness it for their advantage. Much of Britain's drinking water comes from uplands, they contain many plants and animals found nowhere else in the country, and are important for tourism, sheep farming, game and fishing. But inappropriate land management has been blamed for reduced biodiversity, and increased water colour, downstream flooding, sediment yields and carbon loss. By building on local knowledge and experience, we will combine new ideas from local people with cutting edge natural and social science. The result will be a choice of solutions to future challenges that could never have been developed by either group alone. We will start by identifying the current needs and aspirations of those who work, live and play in three upland areas and explore their concerns for the future. The driving forces behind these concerns will be modelled with computers to build up detailed scenarios of possible future social, economic and environmental conditions. We will then seek innovative ideas from local people, policy makers and researchers about how to people could adapt to these scenarios. The suggestions will be fed into the models to explore what effect they might have on future society, economy and environment. This will help us identify the most appropriate ways for people to adapt in each upland area. We will also identify indicators that can people can use to monitor how successfully they are adapting and improve their practice. Communication and understanding between different stakeholders and researchers will be fostered through a series of joint field trips and workshops.

