



MEETING OF THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 10.00 am, NORWOOD SOCIAL HALL

AGENDA

Tea and coffee on arrival from 9.45

1. Attendance and notification of substitutes
2. Declaration of interests
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2006
(circulated on 2nd March)
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. The 2007- 2008 Service Delivery Plan Written report attached

Following approval of an outline budget by the JAC last October, an application was submitted to Natural England in December for just over £334 000 grant in 2007/08 financial year.

Natural England's contribution will generate at least another £200 000 of investment from other partners and the community.

The application is asking Natural England to support a variety of new initiatives during the next 12 months including a renewable energy grant scheme for farm businesses and the AONB's 'Source to City' project whose aim is to link children and young people in the AONB, which supplies drinking water to their counterparts in Bradford, often in deprived communities, at the other end of the pipeline.

The Service Delivery Plan report is seeking JAC approval for the 2007/08 work programme.

6. DEFRA consultation on the protection of common land in England (The Commons Act 2006) Written report attached
- The Commons Act, intended to protect common land for current and future generations, received Royal Assent in July 2006. Common land is valuable for agriculture, recreation, nature conservation, landscape, for its place in local communities, and for its historical and archaeological significance.*
- DEFRA's consultation aims to achieve better protection for common land by making proposals for reforming the consents system for works and fencing on commons and ensuring that existing protections are applied.*
7. Proceedings of the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum Verbal report
- The Forum was established by North Yorkshire County Council in 2005 following introduction of the right of access on foot to substantial areas of land in North Yorkshire, most of which occurs in the AONB.*
- Three members of the Forum live and work in the AONB including Tom Wheelwright, the Moorland Association's representative on the JAC. Tom will give his assessment of the work of the Forum, and of the consequences for all concerned since the legislation was enacted.*
8. The AONB Sustainable Development Fund and the Trust Written report attached
- The Millennium Trust is playing an increasingly prominent role in the AONB and is making a direct and substantial contribution to work being carried out on the JAC's behalf.*
- As well as updating Members on the latest news about the AONB Sustainable Development Fund, David Sharrod, the Trust's Director, will describe his vision for Trust's work in the Dales, including Nidderdale, over the next few years.*
9. Friends
- With charitable status just confirmed by the Charity Commissioners, the Friends have ambitious plans for the future.*
10. Reports from partners
11. Date of next meeting

THE MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SANDWICHES AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS