

## Action and Decision Sheet

<b>Living &amp; Working Sub-Committee</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 Conservation Board Offices, Northleach</b>
Present	Martin Veal (MV) Chairman, Nick Hurst (NH), Liz Hodges (LH), George Lambrick (GL), Mark O'Sullivan (MoS), John Matthews (JM)
Apologies	Adrian Hardman (AH), Ed Macalister-Smith (EMS),
Also in Attendance	Ally Rood (AR), Simon Smith (SS) Brendan McCarthy (BMC)
Declarations of Interests	None
Public Questions	None
Previous Minutes	

Item	Item	Action/ Decision
5	<b>L&amp;W Summary Work Programme (2018-2012)</b>	<p>SS – Invited discussion on the Living and Working elements of the work programme.</p> <p>Action – ALL to send comments to SS</p>
6	<b>Draft AONB Management Plan (2018-2023)</b>	<p>AR – Invited comments on draft Second Draft Management Plan in order that L&amp;W comments could be verbally fed back by AR, MV and MoS at Executive meeting on 25th Jan. Main comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Agreement that is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improvement on current version,</li> <li>• good length and</li> <li>• little content left to add</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Be more specific on <b>Section 85 and Section 87 duties</b> at front of MP. Concern here is that it's a repetition of policy – something govt doesn't encourage.</li> <li>3) Impact of <b>25year Plan</b> on MP and policies. Need to check 'looking in same direction'. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have done quick review. Draft MP scores well when assessed against 25yr Plan. Need to include waste. Ref to litter/fly tipping can be put in Tourism, access, recreation section. Waste in Dev and transport as a planning issue.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4) <b>Emphasise MP for AONB area.</b> Need to have statement upfront along lines of 'can only be delivered with partner involvement and agreement'</li> <li>5) <b>Vision</b> is something that continues beyond 20 years. Some might think we've already achieved this vision or how will we know when we've achieved it? Preface current vision with 'To continue to...'</li> <li>6) <b>Core Themes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Partnership.</b> Change to 'Developing Better and More Effective Partnerships' as we already work in partnership, therefore we need to identify what, during the lifetime of this plan, we want to achieve.</li> <li>• Additional core theme '<b>Dealing with the outcomes of Brexit</b>'. Still a lot of uncertainty about this and the payments post 2019 so could include this as new core theme.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

- 7) **Special qualities.** Separate dark skies from tranquillity
- 8) Could benefit from **reordering** to create an improved 'flow' through document (this is partly tied in with 3. below). One suggested order
- What is the AONB and CCB (our duties)
  - Vision
  - Special qualities
  - Spatial portrait (ie where we've come from) minus Natural Capital and Climate Change. Also reorder under loose groupings of assets, activities, pressure
  - Remove ambitions
  - Core themes
  - Conserving and Enhancing
  - Understanding and Enjoying
- 9) Some **repetition** e.g. natural capital, climate change appear in spatial portrait, core themes and conserving and enhancing. Natural capital, climate change and partnership are all 'framework' issues. There is a difference between these framework issues and the actual elements each is made up of i.e. Natural Capital is made up of soil, water elements so have separate policies on soil, water not just Natural Capital
- **Natural Capital** – How does CCB want to position itself in respect of NC? Suggestion MP should look at NC as a developing concept. CCB wants to embrace and promulgate good practice within the AONB. 2018-2023 plan provides the basis for working towards specific NC policies in 2023-2028 plan i.e. remove specific NC policies from this draft plan. It should be about exploring and encouraging others to put a value on AONBs NC, encourage them to avoid neglecting the NC and help to identify the NC priorities. Alternatively we can be ambitious and push/explore boundaries of NC within this plan by having policies.
  - **Climate change** – Draft plan shows 'age' of AONB Climate Change Strategy. Policies currently focus on mitigation rather than adaptation. Need to provide better balance on adaptation
- 10) Too many **policies**. Overarching themes to be kept, but policies should be more specific whilst offering flexibility. Some policies read more like statements.
- 11) **Monitoring indicators.** Too many, how would they be collated? Do we have resource?. Need to concentrate on the most important and those that are measurable e.g. Indicator 15 change in no. of listed buildings could be removed. Add indicator on monitoring S85 and S87.
- 12) **Special qualities.** Include separate quality for dark skies. Don't include within tranquillity.
- 13) **Ambitions.** Remove ambitions. Ambition 1 - how do we know when Cotswolds is walking and exploring capital of England and who

		decides this? Ambition 4 - Don't feel 'exploring the case for' is an ambition. As MP is a statutory document feel should be more cautious. Should be in partnership section as it's about working in partnership to achieve NP status. Key issue viii on pg 27 should be in Dev and Transport section not Tourism and Recreation. Also shouldn't be tied to resourcing issue. Case for NP status is about more than money.
7	<b>Other Business</b>	Confirmed dates for 2018 L&W 17/5, 6/9, 22/11 Items to be carried forward to next meeting Section 85 Duty, Gloucestershire County Council roll out of LED lighting
8	<b>Date</b>	Confirmed 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2018