

DRAFT AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN 2018-2023

Summary: To advise on the progress with the Cotswolds AONB Management Plan Review process and invite further comments on the draft Second Draft prior to public consultation

Recommendation: That comments on the draft Second Draft Management Plan are received at the meeting. That, subject to incorporation of changes, sign off for consultation commencing mid-February be considered.

Officer Ref: Ally Rood, Planning Officer (01451 862004).

Background

1. The First Draft for Consultation was circulated to Natural England, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission, Historic England and the 15 local authorities within the AONB.
2. Comments were received, however due to Officer sickness the incorporation of comments was delayed. This meant the Second Draft, due to be presented at the 9th November 2017 Executive to gain sign off for wider public consultation, was not considered or agreed. Consequently, at the Board meeting on 7th December 2017 a revised timeline was agreed.
3. Comments have been now incorporated into a draft Second Draft for consultation, attached at Appendix A. Also attached as Appendices are summary tables detailing the main comments raised by consultees and how they have been addressed in the Second Draft. Appendix B details Statutory Environmental Body responses. Appendix C details Local Planning Authority responses.
4. Subject to detailed discussion at the 25th January 2018 Executive Committee, incorporation of comments and review of the Second Draft alongside the recently published Government's 25 year Environment Plan, consultation on the Second Draft can commence from mid-February for a period of 5 weeks.
5. It should be noted that this draft Second Draft remains in a text only version. Design and presentation will be addressed once the text has been agreed.
6. The aim would be for the Board to adopt the final Plan at its 28th June 2018 meeting.

Supporting Papers

Appendix A – Draft Second Draft Management Plan (2018-2023)

Appendix B – Summary of comments received Statutory Environmental Bodies

Appendix C - Summary of comments received Local Planning Authorities