**THE GLOVER REVIEW OF NATIONAL PARKS AND AONBS**

**Summary:** To consider a response to the Glover Review of National Parks and AONBs.

**Recommendation:**

**That, subject to any comments at the Meeting, the Board agrees its response to the Glover Review of National Parks and AONBs.**

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**Background**

1. The background and remit of the Glover Review has been highlighted to the Board previously. Background information can be found:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-landscapes-national-parks-and-aonbs-2018-review>

1. The Board received an early visit from two members of the Review’s Advisory Panel in mid August, Dame Fiona Reynolds and Mr Jim Dixon.
2. The Review will examine and make recommendations on:

* the existing statutory purposes for National Parks and AONBs and how effectively they are being met
* the alignment of these purposes with the goals set out in the 25-Year Plan for the Environment
* the case for extension or creation of new designated areas
* how to improve individual and collective governance of National Parks and AONBs, and how that governance interacts with other national assets
* the financing of National Parks and AONBs
* how to enhance the environment and biodiversity in existing designations
* how to build on the existing eight-point plan for National Parks and to connect more people with the natural environment from all sections of society and improve health and wellbeing
* how well National Parks and AONBs support communities

1. The Review has called for evidence from 20th October, with a deadline of 18th December.
2. The Review invites responses to a series of questions and advises that responses are limited to 500 words per questions. The questions and the Board’s proposed answers are detailed in **Appendix A.**
3. There is only one specific question concerning new designations or the potential for new National Parks. It is therefore suggested that the Board makes a separate submission to the Glover Review focussed on the case for considering the Cotswolds as England’s next National Park. This is the subject of a separate agenda item (item 9 refers).

**Supporting Papers:**

**Appendix A:** Cotswolds Conservation Board’s draft response to the Glover Review questions