

# CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- **Carlisle City Council**

Date of Meeting:- **3 March 2009**

Agenda Item No:-

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Title:- **NORTH PENNINES AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN 2009-14**

Report of:- **Head of Planning & Housing Services**

Report reference:- **DS 19/09**

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## **Summary:-**

The Executive considered Report DS.12/09 (Appendix 1) on the North Pennines AONB Management Plan on the 16 February 2009, and decided that the Consultation Draft Management Plan as amended by responses to consultation be referred to the City Council, with a recommendation that the Management Plan be adopted as supplementary guidance.

## **Recommendation:-**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the North Pennines AONB Management Plan, as amended, as supplementary guidance.

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**Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: IOS Report DS.06/09; Executive Report DS.05/09; North Pennines AONB Management Plan 2009-14 Consultation Draft; Report on Responses to Consultation NPAONB Unit**

## **1.0 Background Information**

- 1.1 The Executive considered Report DS.05/09 North Pennines AONB Management Plan 2009-14 on the 17 January 2009 and referred the Report to the Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 The Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the Report on the 22 January 2009 but made no observations on the content apart from stations at Wetheral and Brampton were missing from the document map and references to ECCP would need to be deleted.
- 1.3 Since preparing the original report the North Pennines AONB Unit had considered the detailed comments and the proposed amendments had been translated into the Action Plan. A copy of the amended Action Plan was attached to Report DS.12/09 considered by the Executive on the 16 February 2009 (Appendix 1).
- 1.4 No issues are raised specifically for Carlisle City Council, although there are a number of actions which the Council will need to take alongside other authorities with responsibilities for the AONB including ensuring that the important qualities of the AONB were recognised, protected or enhanced.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the City Council adopt the North Pennines AONB Management Plan, as amended, as supplementary guidance.

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**Appendix 1**

**Report DS.12/09**



# REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

## PORTFOLIO AREA: INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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Date of Meeting: 16th February 2009

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Key Decision: Yes

Recorded in Forward Plan:

Yes

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Inside Policy Framework

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**Title:** NORTH PENNINES AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN 2009-14

**Report of:** Head of Planning and Housing Services

**Report reference:** DS.12/09

### Summary:

This report sets out the responses to the consultation on the draft management plan and proposes revisions as part of the final document

### Recommendations:

That the Consultation draft Management Plan as amended by responses to consultation be referred to Council for consideration to adopt.

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## **1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS**

- 1.1 Executive Report DS.05/09 sets out the background to the responsibilities for the preparation of a Management Plan for the North Pennines AONB. Members considered this report at their meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> January and referred the report to Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee considered the report but made no observations on the content apart from stations at Wetheral and Brampton missing from the document map.
- 1.2 Since preparing the original report the North Pennines AONB Unit have considered the detailed comments and officers have detailed schedules of the responses to all issues raised and proposed amendments to the draft Management Plan. In detail these have been translated into the Action Plan which forms part C of the Management Plan. The amended Action Plan is attached to this report and will form the key component of the Management Plan setting out actions for all partners.
- 1.3 No issues are raised specifically for Carlisle City Council although there are a number of actions alongside other local authorities with responsibilities for the AONB. The main responsibilities relate to the Local Development Framework and planning matters to ensure that the important qualities of the AONB are recognised, protected or enhanced. In addition the modifications will require the City Council as partner to assist in the preparation of guidance on issues ranging from landscape character analysis to assessment of geological and geomorphological sites.
- 1.4 The preparation of planning guidance and other work is resourced from the Local Plans and Conservation Section unless specialist advice is required and the North Pennines AONB unit are able to call on the expertise within the 5 local authorities in the first instance.
- 1.5 In order to progress the preparation of the Management Plan for the AONB Members are asked to forward the amended plan to Council for adoption. When considering the adoption of the Management Plan attention is drawn to paragraph 6.3 of Planning Policy Statement 12 on Local Spatial Planning. This refers to the production of supplementary guidance which may be considered as material in planning matters. Whilst this does not achieve the status of formal Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) the appropriate consultation and sustainability appraisal work has been undertaken and its status as supplementary guidance would be appropriate when the Management Plan is adopted.

## **1. CONSULTATION**

### **2.1 Consultation to Date.**

A draft of the report was prepared for consultation during September/October 2008. Over 800 comments have been received. Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been consulted on this report.

### **2.2 Consultation proposed.**

No further consultation is proposed.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Consultation draft Management Plan as amended by responses to consultation be referred to Council for consideration to adopt.

## **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

In order to fulfil the statutory responsibilities for AONB Management the Management Plan is required to be adopted by all constituent local authorities.

## **4. IMPLICATIONS**

- Staffing/Resources – The AONB Partnership is supported by staff from the Local Plans and Conservation section and is funded from within Local Plans and Conservation Section budgets.
- Financial – The Management Plan is one of the Core functions funded by the joint working arrangements from existing Local Plans and Conservation budgets
- Legal – The requirements for a Management Plan are established through the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
- Corporate – The Management Plan will assist in ensuring a high quality environment for the “Greener” aspect of the Council’s priorities.
- Risk Management – The lack of adequate Management Plan may impact upon Core Funding and project funding provided in partnership by Local Authorities and Natural England.

- Equality and Disability – None
- Environmental – The AONB provides a high quality landscape and environment which will be improved by the provision of the Management Plan.
- Crime and Disorder – None
- Impact on Customers – The Management Plan will establish clear priorities for the work of the AONB Partnership and provide clearer information for customers.

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**Revised Version of Action Plan  
Post consultation**

***(Amendments are shown in shaded italics)***

## Using this document

This document is the third part of the statutory Management Plan for the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB):

- A booklet, ‘What’s special about the North Pennines?’ sets out the area’s special qualities
- A strategy document (*Part B*) presents the background to AONBs and their Management Plans, establishes some common principles which run through the plan and influence its content, and identifies a series of issues and the objectives for the area from 2009 to 2014.
- This Action Plan (*Part C*) takes the objectives and sets out how they will be reached; it will be updated annually on the AONB Partnership’s website ([www.northpennines.org.uk](http://www.northpennines.org.uk)). *There is inevitable overlap in some subject areas – this plan tries to take a ‘best fit’ approach rather than have too much duplication.*

The Action Plan is presented in tabular form and the following example illustrates how it should be interpreted:

Objective	Action	Initial Lead	Partners	Timescale	AONB Team Role	Priority	Links to Objectives
HE4 Improve the management of Conservation Areas	1. Complete the programme of Conservation Area Appraisals and management plans	LA	NPAP	2009	Executive	1	LG1, HE3

  

<p><b>Action</b> Work towards meeting the objective</p>	<p><b>Timescale</b> When will it be done by (sometimes ‘how many’ per year or during the life of the plan)</p>	<p><b>Priority</b> 1 high – 3 lower</p>	<p><b>Links</b> Other objectives to which this action connects</p>
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<p><b>Objective</b> Something we want to achieve by 2014</p>	<p><b>Initial lead</b> They may not do all the work, but they start the process of making it happen and report on progress</p>	<p><b>Partners</b> Not an exclusive list of those involved, but those which are central to implementing the action</p>	<p><b>AONB Team Role</b> The role of the AONB Partnership Staff Unit in this action: <b>Executive</b> – work it does itself and with others <b>Catalyst</b> – things it brings others together to make happen <b>Advocate</b> – things it promotes and champions</p>
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## Abbreviations used in this Action Plan

ATPs – Northumberland and County Durham Area Tourism Partnerships

BAP – Biodiversity Action Plan

BGS – British Geological Survey

CT – Cumbria Tourism

EA – Environment Agency

EGN – European Geoparks Network

EH – English Heritage

FC – Forestry Commission

GCT – Game Conservancy Trust

GTBS – Green Tourism Business Scheme

HA – Highway Authorities

LA – Local Authorities

LAFs – Local Access Forums

LAG – Local Action Group (LEADER)

LARA – Land Access and Recreation Association

LIGs – Local Interest Groups

MA – Moorland Association

MGA – Moorland Gamekeepers Association

NAAONB – National Association for AONBs

NPAP – North Pennines AONB Partnership

NPHT – North Pennines Heritage Trust

NWDA – North West Development Agency

NWL – Northumbrian Water Limited

NWT – Northumberland Wildlife Trust

PC – Parish Councils

PH – Pennine Horizons

Owners – landowners and tenants

RDA – Regional Development Agencies

RIGS – Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Sites Groups

ROWIP – Rights of Way Improvement Plan

RSPB – Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

RT – Rivers Trusts

*TCP – Tourism and Conservation Partnership*

TRF – Trail Riders' Federation

UNIs – Universities

UU – United Utilities

WTs – Wildlife Trusts

## Landscape and geodiversity

Objective	Action	Initial Lead	Partners	Timescale	AONB Team Role	Priority	Linked objectives
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<p><i>LG1 To ensure that new development within the AONB or impacting upon it, does not have a significant adverse impact on the purpose of AONB designation.</i></p>	<p>1. <i>Ensure that Local Development Frameworks include strong detailed policies which support the purpose of AONB designation. Such policy should prioritise the conservation of tranquillity, wildness and remoteness, local distinctiveness and landscape quality and character. It should also protect the AONB from the adverse effects of development in its setting.</i></p>	LA	NPAP, NE	2009	Executive	1	
	<p>2. Produce detailed character assessments and guidelines for Landscape Character Types and Areas in the AONB and encourage their use by others.</p>	NPAP	NE, LA	2009/10	Executive	1	
	<p>3. <i>Produce North Pennines AONB Planning Guidelines and a Building Design Guide as 'supplementary guidance' documents under Paragraph 6.3 of PPS12 to amplify local authority policy in relation to the AONB.</i></p>	NPAP	LA	2009	Executive	1	
	<p>4. <i>Adopt the AONB Planning Guidelines and Building Design Guide 'supplementary guidance' having ensured that their production meets adoption criteria. Use the guidance to develop and amplify LDF policy.</i></p>	LA	NPAP	2009/10	Executive	1	
	<p>5. <i>Comment on all development proposals which may have a significant impact on the purpose of AONB designation or which may provide opportunities for enhancement.</i></p>	NPAP	NE, LA	Ongoing	Executive	1	

	6. <i>Work towards a signed accord with organisations with AONB duties under S. 85 of CRow that acknowledges their duties and how they will exercise them.</i>	NPAP	NE, Section 85 bodies	2011	Executive	1	
LG2 <i>To ensure that road improvement/safety schemes are compatible with rural character.</i>	1. <i>Review the AONB Partnership's 'Guidance on the Management and Maintenance of Rural Roads' and promote its recognition in the next round of Local Transport Plans.</i>	NPAP	LA	Ongoing	Executive	1	
	2. <i>Consult the AONB Partnership about new road management and improvement schemes in the AONB.</i>	HA	NPAP	Ongoing	Advocate	1	
LG3 <i>To enhance landscape quality and character on farmland</i>	1. <i>Use the guidelines produced by the AONB Partnership to reinforce landscape character, particularly through FEPs and agri-environment schemes.</i>	NE	NPAP, FWAG	ongoing	Executive	1	
LG4 <i>To ensure that important geological sites and features are recorded, conserved and not lost to development.</i>	1. <i>Review and implement the North Pennines Geodiversity Audit and Action Plan.</i>	NPAP	BGS, NE, Killhope, NPHT and others	2010	Executive	1	
	2. <i>Establish a common assessment and protection methodology for second tier geological and geomorphological sites.</i>	LA (NW) NEGF (NE)	LA, NPAP, NE, WT, BGS	2010	Executive	1	
	3. <i>Carry out condition monitoring of geological SSSIs in the AONB</i>	NPAP	NE	2010	Executive	1	

	<b>4. Mines protection action</b>						
LG5 To end the illegal and unregulated collection of minerals <i>and mining artefacts</i>	1. Establish a widely agreed mineral collecting code for the AONB drawing on experience from elsewhere and stringent enough for the area's European Geopark status.	NPAP	NPHT, BGS, NE, LIG	2011	Executive	1	
LG6 To improve the appearance of active and disused quarries, and manage or restore them in a way that complements and enhances the character of the local landscape, geodiversity and biodiversity	1. Survey the conservation value of derelict and disused quarries in the AONB to guide potential management for biodiversity and geodiversity conservation.	NPAP	LA, NE, Quarry Operators	2011	Executive	2	
	2. Promote the sensitive design, management and restoration of quarries, particularly the use of low-intervention restoration techniques and natural processes, and the retention of important geodiversity features for access and interpretation.	LA	NPAP, NE, Quarry Operators	2009-2014 as schemes arise	Executive	2	
LG7 To ensure that trees and woodland (new and existing) contribute more positively to natural beauty and climate change mitigation and adaptation	1. Identify on a landscape scale the most appropriate sites for new woodland and increase the planting incentives available in these locations	NPAP	FC, NE, owners	2011	Executive	1	
	2. Create 400ha of new native woodlands, including 200ha through the AONB Partnerships Living North Pennines project.	FC	Owners, NPAP	2012	Executive	1	

	3. Restructure <i>or remove</i> 200ha of commercial forestry plantations	FC	Owners	2012	Catalyst	1	
	4. <i>NPAP Landscape Character Assessment to include guidelines on woodland creation and succession planting for trees which are significant landscape features in particular Character Areas.</i>	NPAP	LA, NE, FC	2009	Executive	1	
<i>LG8 To understand and plan for the likely landscape impacts of climate change.</i>	1. Subject to initial research, produce a climate change adaptation plan as part of a wider plan for the area.	NPAP	EH, NE	2012	Executive	1	
<i>LG9 To accommodate small scale renewable energy technology without a significant adverse impact on the purpose of designation.</i>	1. <i>Provide guidance and advice on the siting of small scale renewable technology and support it through seminars and grant schemes</i>	<i>NPAP</i>	<i>NE, LA</i>	<i>2009-2014</i>	<i>Executive</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>LG10 To use national AONB boundary reviews to address anomalies in the AONB boundary.</i>	1. Investigate the potential of extending the boundary around Barningham Moor, Mid Teesdale, and areas of the fellside identified as areas of search for future extension in the 2006 Natural England assessment of land in Cumbria. Consider the small area of North Yorkshire around Tan Hill and whether or not its incorporation in the AONB is an anomaly.	NE	LA, NPAP, PC	when review is announced	Executive	3	

## Land management and biodiversity

Objective	Action	Initial Lead	Partners	Timescale	AONB Team Role	Priority	Linked objectives
LB1 <i>To ensure that burning management of heather and grasslands is sympathetic to all aspects of biodiversity conservation</i>	1. <i>Support research, trials and demonstrations aimed at understanding the impacts different types of burning have on conservation.</i>	NE	MA, UNI, RSPB, NPAP	2009-14	Catalyst	1	
	2. Implement the Heather and Grass Burning Code and iterations of it refined by research.	NE	MA, RSPB,	2009-14	Advocate	1	
	3. Hold a 'burning seminar' to work towards a consensus on burning management.	NPAP	NE, MA, owners	2010	Catalyst	1	
LB2 <i>To ensure that land drainage of meadows and moorlands does not reduce the quality of the habitats and species and other special characteristics of the AONB, and take action to restore habitats affected by drainage</i>	1. <i>Block 1000km of moorland grips through agri-environment / nature reserve agreements and the AONB Partnership's Peatscapes project.</i>	NE	NPAP, EA owners	By 2014	Executive	1	
	2. <i>Undertake a programme of work aimed reversing peatland loss on eroding peat areas.</i>	NPAP	NE, Owners	To 2014	Executive	1	
	3. <i>Use prescriptions in agri-environment schemes to support the management of drainage in meadows and pastures to support BAP species.</i>	NE	Owners, EA	As schemes are renewed	Advocate	1	
	4. Develop and disseminate best practice guidance on the maintenance of ditches and watercourses in meadows and pastures	NPAP	NE, Owners, EA	2011	Catalyst	2	
LB3 <i>To secure, by 2014, appropriate conservation</i>	1. Undertake a review of species rich grasslands, springs & flushes, and moorland fringe pastures &	NPAP	NE, owners, WT	2011	Executive	1	

<i>designations and/or land management schemes for remaining undesignated or 'non-scheme' hay meadows, other species rich grasslands, springs and flushes, and also those moorland fringe pastures and allotments which support important numbers of breeding wading birds</i>	allotments and make recommendations for the designation and / or management of appropriate sites.						
	2. <i>Engage with JNCC's review of Special Protection Areas.</i>	NE	NPAP, RSPB, MA, Owners, EA	2010	Executive	1	
	3. Investigate the potential for the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve designation to add value to the AONB and seek to secure the most appropriate management structure which does not duplicate existing structures.	NPAP	NE	2009	Executive	1	
<i>LB4 To improve the conservation value of the AONB's Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland and Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites</i>	1. <i>Bring 100 ha of ASNW into favourable management</i>	NPAP	FC, NE	2011	Executive	1	
	2. <i>Bring 100 ha of PAWS into favourable management</i>						
	3. <i>Use prescriptions in agri-environment and the England Woodland Grant scheme to reduce grazing pressure on over-grazed woodlands.</i>	FC	Owners, NE	As schemes are renewed	Advocate	1	
<i>LB5 To improve and enhance farms and other land, including at a landscape scale where possible</i>	1. <i>Target agri-environment scheme renewals at those farms with the highest biodiversity and landscape value and potential, and seek access opportunities and benefit for the historic environment in all relevant agreements.</i>	NE	NPAP, RSPB	2012 with ESA renewal	Executive	1	
	2. <i>Maintain a Farm Advisor post within the AONB team to co-ordinate the team's input to Farm Environment Plans.</i>	NPAP	NE	2009	Executive	1	
	3. <i>Identify at a landscape scale groups of farm holdings which can</i>	NE	NPAP	2009 / 10	Executive	1	

	<i>be brought into new schemes at or before the end of current ones.</i>						
	4. <i>Hold a series of on farm demonstration events to promote good practice in biodiversity, landscape and historic environment conservation</i>	NE	NPAP, RSPB, FWAG, UTASS, NFU, EH	Annual	Executive	1	
	5. <i>Develop partnerships, provide resources and establish projects to directly support the implementation of River Basin Management Plans and Flood Risk Management Plans</i>	EA	NPAP, NELA, LIGs, RT	By 2014	Executive	1	
LB6 To support the conservation of hay meadows, peatlands, waders, black grouse and calaminarian grasslands through the expansion of current initiatives for their conservation and the establishment of new initiatives for these and other UK BAP habitats and species throughout the life of the Plan.	1. Secure the continuation of the AONB Partnership's Peatscapes project	NPAP	NE, EA	2012	Executive	1	
	2. <i>Implement and</i> secure the continuation of the AONB Partnership's Hay Time project	NPAP	NE, YDMT	2012	Executive	1	
	3. Secure the continuation of the RSPB's initiatives for wader conservation	RSPB	NPAP, NE	2011	Advocate	1	
	4. Secure the continuation of the GCT's Black Grouse Recovery Project <i>or initiatives to support black grouse conservation</i>	GCT	MoD, NWL, RSPB, NE, NPAP, MA	2011	Advocate	1	
	5. Secure funding for and implement a calaminarian grasslands project in the AONB	NWT	NPAP, NE,	To 2012	Catalyst	1	
	6. Implement a North Pennines water vole conservation project as part of the AONB Partnership's Living North Pennines project	NPAP	WT, EA, NWL	To 2011	Executive	1	
	7. Establish a legacy project from the AONB Partnership's Living North Pennines project	NPAP	NE, NWL, EH	2011	Executive	1	

	8. Establish a programme for species rich verges and bank habitats which suffer from neglect, including larger sites in agri-environment schemes and those smaller ones which currently fall outside such schemes.	NPAP	NE, WT	2011	Catalyst	1	
	9. Scope the species and habitats which would merit special conservation attention through major projects, including the neglected area of invertebrate conservation	NPAP	NE, NWL, WT, EA, UNI, CEH	2012	Executive	1	
<i>LB7 To ensure that no new moorland tracks are built without appropriate permission and that any new tracks have no significant adverse impact on hydrology, natural beauty, tranquillity and the interest features of NATURA 2000 sites.</i>	1. Disseminate the conclusions of a 2009 moorland tracks seminar.	NPAP	NE, MA, MGA, RSPB,	2009	Executive	1	
	2. Provide guidance to planners and land managers on duties, responsibilities and best practice in relation to moorland tracks/roads.	NE	NPAP	2009	Executive	1	
	3. Take enforcement action on tracks constructed without consent.	LA	NE	Case by case	Advocate	1	
<i>LB8 To reduce and manage the number/range of invasive and non-native species in AONB, where these impact on other conservation interests.</i>	1. Co-ordinate an invasive and non-native species assessment and establish a rapid follow-on programme to act on the findings.	NE	NPAP, WT, LA, WT, NWL, UU, RT, LIG, MA, Angling Clubs	2012	Advocate	2	
	2. <i>Influence Natural England to include additional grant conditions relating to the need to control invasive species in future Environmental Stewardship</i>	NPAP	NE	2010	Executive	2	

	<i>agreements</i>						
<i>LB9 To end the illegal persecution of birds of prey.</i>	1. Disseminate the science about raptors and grouse predation	NE	MGA, MA, RSPB	2009	Advocate	1	
	2. Establish a forum to influence those who may be involved to stop the persecution of raptors, then continue to promote compliance with the law	MA	RSPB, NE, MGA	2010	Advocate	1	
	3. Allocate resources towards convicting those responsible	Police	NE, MGA, MA, RSPB	2009 - 2014	Advocate	1	
<i>LB10 To understand and plan for the potential impacts of climate change on BAP habitats and species.</i>	1. Investigate the feasibility of a climate change adaptation plan for identified BAP species and habitats	NE	NPAP	2012	Catalyst	1	
	2. <i>Use agri-environment schemes and other mechanisms to improve connectivity and condition of habitats and features likely to be affected by climate change.</i>	NE	NPAP, FWAG, RSPB, owners	2012	Executive	1	
<i>LB11 To implement a large scale ecological restoration project that seeks to have natural processes as the primary land management objective.</i>	1. <i>Identify suitable potential locations for a large scale ecological restoration project</i>	NE	RSPB, Owners, MA, NPAP, EA, WTs, NWL	2012	Catalyst	3	
	2. Implement and monitor project to span this and the subsequent management plan.	NE	RSPB, Owners, MA, NPAP, EA, WTs, NWL	2012 - 2019	Catalyst	3	

## Historic environment

Objective	Action	Initial Lead	Partners	Timescale	AONB Team	Priority	Linked objective
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<i>HE1 To enhance the county Historic Environment Records, and thus enable more informed landscape management.</i>	1. Encourage and initiate research and survey projects involving local people, under professional supervision where appropriate.	NPAP	EH, LIGs	To 2014	Executive	1	
	2. Develop a three-year, multi-disciplinary project, involving professional researchers, students and volunteers, to further our understanding of various aspects of the historic environment	NPAP	LIGS, EH	To 2011	Catalyst	2	
	3. Seek funding for exploratory archaeological air photography throughout the AONB as the most cost-effective way of discovering new sites and clarifying the nature and condition of the historic landscape.	NPAP	EH, LA	2010	Catalyst	2	
<i>HE2 To conserve through specific projects relict landscapes and landscape features.</i>	1. Implement a 'Miner-Farmer Project' in the Alston area to understand, explore and celebrate the landscape and its evolution	EH	NPAP, LIGs, LA	To 2013	Executive	1	
	2. Complete comprehensive conservation and interpretation projects covering the historic environment around Whitley Castle Roman Fort and Slitt Wood leadmining complex.	NPAP	EH, LIGs	To 2010	Catalyst	1	
HE3. To contribute to the conservation and enhancement of the AONB's historic environment through the sensitive maintenance of historic structures.	1. Carryout conservation work to Muggleswick Grange, Whitesyke and Bentyfield Mine, Ninebanks Tower and Shildon Engione House as part of the AONB Partnership's Living North Pennines project	NPAP	EH, Owners	To 2011	Executive	1	
	2. Conduct a review of heritage assets at risk, identifying those which represent the greatest conservation priorities and linking	LA	EH, NPAP, Owners	To 2011 and review every five	Executive	1	

	these with appropriate funding opportunities.			years			
	3. Develop a programme of projects to conserve those heritage assets for which conservation work is deemed a priority.	NPAP	EH, NPHT Owners, LIGs,	To 2011	Executive	1	
	4. <i>Establish Local Lists of heritage assets (e.g. buildings and structures of historic importance) for the AONB, enabling a degree of protection to be afforded to important structures not covered by national designation</i>	NPAP	EH, LA	2010	Catalyst	2	
	5. <i>Complete a survey and register of chapels, schools and reading rooms.</i>	NPAP	LIGs, EH	By March 2011	Catalyst	2	
HE4 Improve the management of Conservation Areas	1. <i>Complete the programme of Conservation Area Appraisals and management plans</i>	LA	NPAP	2009	Executive	1	
	2. <i>Establish a Conservation Area grant scheme</i>	NPAP	LA	2010	Executive	2	
HE5. To increase community participation in Historic Environment research, conservation and interpretation.	1. <i>Host events and activities aimed at helping people to discover and appreciate their historic environment including a two-yearly public conference on the North Pennines historic environment</i>	NPAP	EH, LIG, LA, NPHT, Killhope	Annual series	Executive	1	
	2. <i>Develop a community archaeology project to provide people with training enabling them to participate directly in archaeological research, conservation and interpretation throughout the AONB.</i>	NPAP	LIG, EH, LIG, LA, NPHT, Killhope	2010	Executive	1	
	3. <i>Establish an event and publication arising out of a survey and register of chapels, schools and reading rooms</i>	NPAP	LIGS, EH	To 2011	Catalyst	2	

<i>HE6. To secure resources to support the conservation and enhancement of the North Pennines' Historic Environment throughout the life of the Plan.</i>	1. <i>Maintain the</i> AONB Partnership's Historic Environment Officer post beyond 2010	NPAP	EH	2010	Executive	1	
	2. Ensure the continued employment of historic environment specialists within local authorities	LA	EH	2009-2014	Advocate	1	
	3. Establish English Heritage Regional Outreach Officer posts for North East and North West	EH		2010	Advocate	2	
	4. Set up and maintain a database of possible funding sources for historic environment projects	NPAP	all	2010	Executive	3	
<i>HE7. To understand and act on the likely impacts of climate change on the historic environment and produce an adaptation plan to address them</i>	1. Undertake and assessment of potential impact of climate change on the historic environment	EH	NE	2012	Advocate	1	
	2. Produce a climate change adaptation plan for the historic environment	EH	NE	2014	Advocate	1	

## Enjoying and understanding the North Pennines

Objective	Action	Initial Lead	Partners	Timescale	AONB Team Role	Priority	Linked objectives
<p><i>EU1 Ensure that the area's special qualities are effectively communicated to visitors and local people and that visitors</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>have information on outdoor recreation activities such as walking, riding, cycling and canoeing</i></li> <li><i>have information on how their visit can contribute to conservation and have minimal environmental footprint</i></li> <li><i>know when they are in the AONB and European Geopark</i></li> </ul>	1. Produce an interpretation plan for the AONB.	NPAP	NE, LA, Killhope, EH, NPHT, ECCP, LIG, HQP	2009	Executive	1	
	2. Establish programmes of events and festivals which highlight the area's special qualities.	NPAP	ATPs, ONE, NWDA, NE, LA, Killhope, EH, NPHT, ECCP, LIG, HQP	Annual	Executive	1	
	3. <i>Produce and distribute an annual post-arrival Pocket Guide to the North Pennines.</i>	NPAP	ATPs, CT, Businesses	Annual	Executive	1	
	4. Provide advice and guidance on exploring the North Pennines in a responsible fashion on the AONB Partnership's website and through promoting existing codes of conduct / practice.	NPAP	ATPs, CT, Businesses	2009-14	Executive	1	
	5. Standardise and replace the AONB boundary signs and add a reference to the European Geopark status of the area.	NPAP	LA	2009	Catalyst	1	
	6. <i>Seek opportunities to establish a raptor watchpoint.</i>	<i>RSPB</i>	<i>NPAP, NE, landowners</i>	<i>By 2014</i>	<i>Catalyst</i>	<i>3</i>	
EU2 <i>To encourage</i>	1. Gather information on visitor payback schemes and hold a	NPAP	ATPs, CT,	<i>2011</i>	Executive	1	

<i>visitors to contribute positively to the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty.</i>	seminar with interested parties, initially focusing on members of green accreditation schemes. Establish a pilot scheme if locally supported		TCP, Businesses				
EU3 <i>To ensure interpretive structures are of a high quality, are well maintained and reflect the character of the AONB.</i>	1. Create an inventory of <i>and review</i> existing interpretive structures (e.g. panels, sculptures) in the AONB and input into the AONB Partnership's GIS system.	NPAP	LA, ECCP, NPHT, NE, LIG, HQP	2009	Executive	1	
	2. Devise a system of regular condition monitoring of the structures and initiate a repair and replacement programme	NPAP	LA, ECCP, NPHT, NE, LIG, HQP	2009	Catalyst	1	
EU4 <i>To increase awareness, understanding and enjoyment of the area's geodiversity and retain the AONB's UNESCO European and Global Geopark status.</i>	1. Review the North Pennines AONB Geodiversity Audit and Action Plan.	NPAP	BGS, NE, LA, Killhope, NPHT	2010	Executive	1	
	2. <i>Maintain the AONB Partnership's Geodiversity Officer post and secure</i> further funds for geodiversity work, including through partnerships projects with other European Geoparks	NPAP	NE, EGN, BGS,	2012	Executive	1	
	3. Contribute to the life and work of the European and Global Geoparks Network, and to regional and national geodiversity fora	NPAP		Ongoing	Executive	1	
	4. Continue the Rock Detectives children's geology clubs.	NPAP	HQP, NPHT, ECCP	2009 - 2014	Executive	1	
	5. Review and further <i>develop</i> geologically themed education resources	NPAP	HQP, Killhope, NPHT	2010	Executive	1	
	6. Hold the annual Northern Rocks Festival of Geology and Landscape and a series of events and activities	NPAP	BGS, NE, LA, Killhope,	Annual	Executive	1	

	on a geological theme throughout the year.		NPHT, WT				
	7. Interpret at least five sites and features of geological interest each year through geotrails, art activities, <i>print</i> and new media interpretation.	NPAP	BGS, NE, Killhope, NPHT, ECCP, HQP	Annual	Executive	1	
	8. Hold an annual geologically themed evening course.	NPAP		Annual	Executive	2	
	9. Initiate projects to encourage the further development of geologically based attractions including Killhope Museum, Nenthead Mines Heritage Centre, Harehope Quarry Project and facilities in Allenheads.	Operators of attractions	NPAP, RDA, LA	At least one new initiative per year at each location	Executive	1	
	10. <i>Develop an agreement with all members of the AONB partnership and those funded or promoted by it to ensure they don't sell original geological material in shops or visitor centres.</i>	<i>NPAP</i>		<i>2009-2014</i>	<i>Advocate</i>	<i>1</i>	
	11. <i>Secure continued European Geopark status at revalidations in 2009 and 2013</i>	<i>NPAP</i>		<i>2009, 2014</i>	<i>Executive</i>	<i>1</i>	
EU5 <i>To encourage more schools to use the North Pennines as an outdoor classroom.</i>	1. Apply school travel grants to encourage more school visits to the area and secure resources for their continuation	NPAP	Schools, HQP, NPHT, Killhope, NE	2009-11	Executive	1	
	2. Create a structure which provides a one stop shop for outdoor learning, coordinates provision of education and offers a package that is easy for teachers to use	NPAP	Schools, HQP, NPHT, Killhope, NE	2009-2011	Executive	1	
	3. Support the continued provision of education resources in collaboration with teachers to ensure that	NPAP	Schools, HQP, NPHT, Killhope, NE	2009-11	Catalyst	1	

	resources meet their needs						
	4. Audit the current provision and facilities for education in the AONB	NPAP	Schools, HQP, NPHT, Killhope, NE	2009	Executive	1	
	5. Establish a forum of education providers/teachers/pupils from within the AONB to oversee and input into provision	NPAP	Schools, HQP, NPHT, Killhope, NE	2009	Executive	1	
	6. Create case studies of good practice in environmental education	NPAP	Schools inc. special, Home school groups providers	By 2011	Executive	1	
	7. Establish a special needs outdoor adventure project	NPAP	Special schools	2009	Executive	1	
	8. <i>Encourage the development of an educational farm visits programme</i>	NPAP	NFU, UTASS, RSPB	2010	Catalyst	1	
	9. <i>Encourage climate change education projects which use the AONB as an outdoor classroom</i>	NPAP	RSPB, NE	2009	Executive	1	
	10. <i>Maintain</i> education support staff within the AONB team	NPAP		2011	Catalyst	1	
<i>EU6 To encourage new and more diverse audiences to understand the special qualities of the area.</i>	1. Interpret the AONB's special qualities through a range of media, ensuring that interpretation and education runs through all aspects of the work within the area	NPAP	LA, ECCP, NPHT, NE, LIG	15 projects per year	Executive	1	
	2. Carry out continued evaluation of interpretation to ensure that targets of engagement are reached and that quality is maintained.	NPAP	LA, ECCP, NPHT, NE, LIG	2009-2014	Executive	1	
	3. <i>Produce an 'easy access' guide to the North Pennines</i>	NPAP	HA, LIG	2010	Executive	1	

EU7 To ensure that the public rights of way network is appropriately managed, having regard to the importance of the North Pennines as a popular recreational and visitor destination.	1. Provide appropriate resources of staff and funding to help implement the ROWIP	HA	LAFs, NE	Annual Reporting	Advocate	1	
	2. Allocate sufficient resources to enable high standards of management on the Pennine Way.	NE	LA	Annual	Advocate	1	
	3. Allocate resources to ensure high standards of management on strategic regional routes such as the Pennine Bridleway, C2C cycle route, Coast to Coast walk and Teesdale Way	LA		Through ROWIP and LTP reviews	Advocate	1	
	4. Maintain an accurate website with information on access land availability	NE	HA, LAFs	2009-2014	Advocate	1	
	5. Promptly display and remove signs related to temporary closures of access land	Land Managers	HA, LAFs	2009-2014	Advocate	1	
EU8 To ensure that that the three Local Access Forums are facilitated to play a collaborative role in decisions relating to access to the North Pennines countryside.	1. Facilitate half-annual meetings between representatives of the three LAFs	NPAP	LAFs, HA	From 2009	Executive	2	
EU9 To ensure that the legal use of public rights of way by MPVs is appropriately managed to avoid significant adverse impact on a route's surface and on the tranquillity of the AONB.	1. Establish the legal status of all claimed byways in the AONB	HA		2009-2014 case by case	Advocate	1	
	2. Use the Making the Best of Byways guidelines to manage routes through impact assessment, monitoring and TROs if required	HA	NE, LAFs, LIGs, LARA, TRF	2009-2014 case by case	Advocate	1	
	3. Encourage Highway Authorities to adopt a precautionary approach to claimed byways, limiting use of	NPAP	HA	2009	Executive	1	

	<i>claimed routes to footpath or bridleway until inquiries have decided claims.</i>						
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## Economy and business

Objective	Action	Initial Lead	Partners	Timescale	AONB Team Role	Priority	Linked objectives
EB1 To secure EUROPARC European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas during the lifetime of the plan, by 2012.	1. <i>Secure funding to produce a sustainable tourism strategy and action plan leading to the awarding of the EU Charter for sustainable tourism.</i>	NPAP	ATPs, CT, ONE, NWDA, NE, LA, businesses	2011	Executive	1	EB all, CC5
	2. Begin to implement agreed 5-year Strategy and Action Plan arising out of the Charter process	NPAP	ATPs, CT, ONE, NWDA, NE, LA, businesses	2011	Executive	1	EB all, CC5
EB2 <i>To market and promote the North Pennines, its special qualities and its role as a green tourism destination</i>	1. Establish regular contact between organisations engaged with pre-arrival marketing of parts of the North Pennines	NPAP	ATPs, CT, ONE, NWDA,	2011	Executive	1	EB1
	2. Provide clear, accurate and positive messages about the special qualities of the North Pennines that can be used in marketing literature	NPAP		2009-14	Executive	1	EB4
	3. Carry out cross border marketing campaigns which major on the special qualities of the AONB promoting it as high quality 'green' destination and specifically highlight businesses in green accreditation	ATPs/ CT	NPAP, businesses, ONE, NWDA	Annual	Catalyst	1	EB1

	schemes						
	4. Provide clear signposting between pre-arrival and post-arrival information sources to ensure prospective visitors to the AONB know where to access appropriate information in advance of, and during their visit.	ATPs/ CT	NPAP	Annual	Executive	1	EB1
	5. Include the words 'North Pennines' when naming parts of the AONB in marketing literature and media, for example 'Alston Moor and the North Pennines', 'Durham Dales and the North Pennines'	ATPs/ CT	NPAP, businesses, ONE, NWDA	Annual	Catalyst	1	EB1, EB4
	6. Facilitate familiarisation visits for tourism professionals and journalists/travel writers.	NPAP	ATPs, CT, businesses	Annual	Catalyst	1	EB2
EB3 To increase opportunities for visitors and local people to maximise their use of sustainable transport.	1. Produce and promote itineraries throughout the North Pennines which use (either partially or wholly) sustainable transport options.	NPAP	ATPs, CT, attractions	2010	Executive	1	LG5, LG13, EB1-2, EB7
	2. Promote and encourage providers of cycle hire facilities (e.g. through the North Pennines Pocket Guide, NPAP website, and in other publications and media, as appropriate).	NPAP	ATPs, CT	Annual	Executive	1	LG5, LG13, EB1-2, EB7
	3. Develop self-guided walking, riding and cycling routes linked to public transport and population centres	NPAP	ECCP, LA, LIG	5 over life of plan	Executive	1	LG5, LG13, EU1, EU6, EB1-2, EB7, CC4
	4. Produce and distribute a North Pennines Public Transport Guide	NPAP	LA	Annual	Executive	1	LG13, EB2

	and sources of information on public transport						
	5. Organise an event where public transport planners, providers and users can identify shared (especially cross-boundary) objectives and opportunities to improve sustainable transport provision	NPAP	LA, LIG	2010	Catalyst	2	EB2, EB4, CC5
EB4 To establish new <i>(and support existing)</i> high quality tourism development, infrastructure, products, services, signage, and marketing in (and about) the AONB which reflects the area's high quality environment and landscape and is in keeping with its setting and / or the area's special qualities	1. Secure funding for and implement a major redevelopment of Killhope, the North of England Lead Mining Museum	Killhope	LA, ONE	2010	Advocate	1	EU4, EU6
	2. Target LEADER funding to promote improvements in outdoor recreation infrastructure	LAG	Providers	2009-2013	Advocate	1	EU1, EU3
	3. Ensure that tourism and other signage does not needlessly add to roadside clutter, in part through implementation of the AONB Partnership's guidance on the management of rural roads	LA	ONE, ATPs, CT, tourism businesses,	2009-14	Advocate	1	LG1-2, LG5-6
	4. Encourage the establishment of new tourism support services such as cycle hire, baggage transfer and guiding, through advice, grant aid and promotion	Operators	NPAP, ONE, ATPs, CT, LA	2009-14	Executive	2	EB3, EB7
	5. Develop a series of five horse riding routes ('Pack Horse Trails') as part of the Living North Pennines project	NPAP	LA, NE, LAFs, users	By 2011	Executive	1	EU7, EB7
	6. Identify accommodation providers near promoted <i>cycling/walking/riding</i> routes and assist them with the provision of essential infrastructure improvements (e.g. secure cycle	NPAP	LAG	By 2011	Executive	1	EB8, CC1

	parking, dry facilities etc) where required						
	7. Encourage, develop and promote all-user access routes to <i>suitable</i> habitats, features and attractions and produce an 'easy access guide' to the AONB	NPAP	LA, NE, LAFs, users	By 2011	Executive	1	EU7
	8. Provide tourism businesses with a 'sense of place' toolkit to enable them to effectively communicate the special qualities of the area in their marketing literature and in their communications with visitors	NPAP	ATPs, CT	2010	Executive	1	EB2
	9. Review how the North Pennines area logo and 'fledgling brand' is being and might be used by tourism businesses	NPAP	ATPs, CT	2010	Catalyst	2	EB2
EB5 To ensure an annual increase in the membership of validated green accreditation schemes in the North Pennines and a greater level of working together between green tourism businesses.	1. Run grants schemes <i>and seminars</i> to encourage the greening of tourism businesses especially if there is a link with gaining green accreditation	NPAP	ATPs, CT, <i>TCP</i> , Green Business UK, businesses	Annual	Catalyst	1	EB4
	2. Maintain the AONB Partnership's membership of the GTBS	NPAP		2010, 2013	Executive	1	
	3. Encourage accommodation providers to join Walker's and Cyclist's Welcome schemes	NPAP	ATPs, CT, business, Visit Britain	Annual	Catalyst	2	EB2, EB4
	4. Develop opportunities for networking and joint working between green accredited businesses in the AONB	NPAP	businesses	2010	Executive	2	EB2
EB6 <i>To support the development of new and existing ambassadors for the North Pennines who</i>	1. Continue to develop the 'Know your North Pennines' knowledge based training scheme	PH	NPAP, ATPs, CT	2010	Executive	1	EB4-5, CC5
	2. Develop and run a series of pre-season familiarisation events/visits for Tourist Information Centre Staff	ATPs/ CT	NPAP, businesses	Annual	Catalyst	1	EB2

<i>also use the area's special qualities in their marketing literature, websites and offers.</i>	and staff from tourism support organisations						
EB7 <i>To support the development of packages which link visitors with natural beauty, local businesses and local products.</i>	1. Bring businesses together to identify the opportunities for package development through joint working	ATPs/ CT	NPAP, businesses	Annual	Catalyst	1	EB2, EB4
	2. Encourage business such as baggage transfer companies, guides and providers of supported <i>cycling / riding</i> holidays to establish new packages and enhance existing ones	ATPs/ CT	NPAP, businesses	Annual	Catalyst	1	EB4
EB8 <i>To secure funding to support the natural economy and to help protect and manage the area's special qualities</i>	1. Deliver the Rural Development Programme for England, 'Solway Border and Eden ' and North Pennine Dales LEADER initiatives in the area, promote links with environmental land management, and secure a future beyond 2013	LAG	<i>businesses</i>	To 2013	Executive	1	EB4
	2. Develop cluster activity across the LEADER areas in relation to local food aimed at developing easier routes to market, food tourism and more sustainable industry	LAG	businesses	2013	Advocate	2	EB4, EB7, CC9
	3. <i>Add new funding action</i>						
EB9 <i>To support and develop skills training in farming, woodland and game management, nature and heritage conservation in the AONB.</i>	1. Establish a 'Farmers of the Future' farm traineeship scheme in Teesdale	UTASS	NPAP, ONE, LANTRA, NWDA	2010	Catalyst	1	CC9
	2. Establish a rural skills training scheme	NPAP	LANTRA, ONE, NWDA	2010	Executive	1	LG7, CC9
	3. Establish training programmes in traditional building skills to support	NPAP	ONE, EH, LA, LANTRA	2010	Catalyst	1	LG2, HE4, CC9

	the conservation of historic buildings and structures						
	4. Establish a land-based skills training directory for the AONB	LANTRA	NPAP	2010	Catalyst	1	CC9
	5. Provide historic environment training events for people working in historic-environment related fields (e.g. agriculture, forestry) in line with advice provided by the HELM (Historic Environment Local Management) initiative.	EH	NPAP, LA, NPHT, LANTRA	One programme annually in the AONB	Catalyst	1	HE4,CC9
EB10 To secure broadband coverage for the whole of the AONB without having a significant adverse impact on natural beauty.	1. <i>Engage with providers to encourage services which do not lead to significant adverse landscape impact.</i>	LA	Providers, PC, NPAP, businesses	2010	Catalyst	1	LG1-2, CC1
EB11 <i>To support arts and crafts businesses to inspire others, contribute to community life and tourism</i>	1. Produce a web-based directory of local artists and crafts people the emphasis on those inspired by the natural beauty of the area	NPAP	LIG	2010	Executive	2	CC8
EB12 <i>To support and encourage development, production and use of local food and other products, especially those linked to natural beauty.</i>	1. Encourage markets for timber and wood products to support woodland management	Owners,	LAG, FC, Northwoods, Cumbria Woodlands, NPAP	2009-14	Catalyst	1	EB11
	2. Produce a web-based local products directory related to land management and natural beauty	NPAP	Businesses	2010	Executive	2	EB11
	3. <i>Establish a local food project linking local products and a high quality environment</i>	<i>Teesdale Marketing</i>	<i>NPAP</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>Executive</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>?</i>
	4. <i>Support local food and drink marketing projects such as</i>	<i>Businesses</i>	<i>NPAP</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Advocate</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>?</i>

	<i>Weardale Quality Meat, which link economic development and high environmental standards and reflect the area's character and distinctiveness</i>						
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## Community and culture

Objective	Action	Initial Lead	Partners	Timescale	AONB Team Role	Priority	Linked objectives
CC1 To support the retention and expansion of village services.	1. <i>Ensure that Local Development Frameworks include strong detailed policies which support the retention of local services and facilities</i>	LA		2009	Advocate	1	LG1, CC5
	2. Advocate the need for local services, to support community life and the benefits that tourism can bring to communities. Apply the AONB Partnership's Sustainable Development Fund and LEADER funds to suitable projects	NPAP	LA, PC, LIGs,	2009-14	Advocate	1	CC5
CC2 <i>To support and encourage community groups to actively engage in conserving and celebrating the AONB.</i>	1. <i>Establish a Friends of the North Pennines group to increase public participation in the work of the AONB</i>	NPAP		2009	Executive	1	CC2, CC4
	2. Ensure community participation elements in AONB Partnership and partner projects	NPAP	LIGs, LA, NE	2009-14	Executive	1	HE4, CC4
	3. Provide grant aid and in kind support to community based projects linked to natural beauty	NPAP	LAG, NE, LA	2009-14	Executive	1	HE4, CC4
	4. Provide presentations, talks and walks on the special qualities of the AONB	NPAP	LIGs	10 per year	Executive	1	CC4,
	5. Provide opportunities for	NPAP	LIGs	2009-14	Executive	1	CC4

	community groups to comment on and influence management plan reviews and major projects such as Living North Pennines						
	6. <i>Develop opportunities to participate in survey, monitoring and hands-on conservation activities, e.g hay meadow seed collecting, woodland planting etc</i>	NPAP	NE, RSPB	Ongoing	Executive	1	
CC3 To encourage and support local communities to help interpret the special qualities of the area.	1. Develop an engagement strategy which will identify audiences, communities and places which will be the focus of interpretation. This will be informed by existing projects, identify what communities see as special and distinctive about their place.	NPAP	LIG, NE, Killhope, NPHT, ECCP, HQP, LA	2009	Executive	1	HE2-4, EU1, EU6, EB3, CC2
	2. Provide training in interpretation for community groups (including seeking funding)	NPAP	LIG,	2009	Executive	1	CC9
CC5 To encourage greater community participation and better understanding of the benefits of a sustainable tourism industry	1. Design and carry out research and consultation with local communities into their perceptions about current and future levels of tourism in the AONB, as part of the work towards the EU Charter for Sustainable Tourism	ATPs / CT	Businesses, PC, LA	2010	Catalyst	1	EB1, EB6
CC6 To establish annual programmes of lifelong learning that are based on the area's special qualities.	1. Support lifelong learning opportunities with staff time, in kind contributions, funding and promotion,	NPAP	NE, LIGs	Annual	Catalyst	2	EU4, CC5
	2. Deliver one lifelong learning programme each year directly through the Staff Unit	NPAP		Annual	Executive	2	EU4, CC5
CC7 Support and develop programmes linked to	1. Incorporate culturally significant figures associated with the area in interpretation and education	NPAP	LA, NPHT	2009-2014	Executive	2	EU6, CC4

<i>local and national cultural figures that have celebrated and been inspired by the North Pennines.</i>	projects						
	2. Support the development of Issac's Tea Trail celebrating Issac Holden	NPAP	LA	2010	Catalyst	2	EU6, CC4
	3. Investigate with the Upper Teesdale community the potential for a Richard Watson trail, and make some of his work available through the AONB Partnership website.	NPAP	LA,	2010	Executive	2	EU6, CC4
CC8 <i>To ensure that local communities, networks and individuals can give expression to what their landscape and their 'place' means to them.</i>	1. <i>Create oral history projects focusing on the area's mining and farming history</i>	NPAP	LIGs	Annual	Executive	1	
	2. <i>Establish a photography project which trains local people and encourages them to record their views of the area.</i>	NPAP	Artists, LIGs	2010	Executive	1	
	3. <i>Create a project for local writers, including first time writers, to be included in a publication of local work inspired by the North Pennines.</i>	NPAP	Vane Women Writers' Co-op, LIGs	2010	Executive	1	
	4. <i>Establish a project which encourages the celebration of the North Pennines in music</i>	NPAP	Artists, LIGs	2010	Executive	1	
	5. <i>Promote North Pennines artists, writers and crafts people that draw their inspiration from the landscape and provide platforms for them to showcase their work to visitors and local people through exhibitions, workshops and publications.</i>	NPAP	Artists NPHT, LA, LIGs, Arts devt. groups	At least one annual event or publication	Catalyst	2	EU6, CC4
CC9 <i>To develop new opportunities for young people to find training or employment in the area related to the purpose of AONB designation.</i>	1. Establish skills training programmes in farming, building conservation and rural skills.	NPAP	UTASS, EH, ONE, LANTRA, NWDA	1 scheme for each theme to 2014	Executive	1	HE2, HE4, LB5

## Increasing knowledge about the AONB

Objective	Action	Initial Lead	Partners	Timescale	AONB Team Role	Priority	Linked objectives
<i>IK1 To develop baseline data and future research areas to improve knowledge of the area's special qualities and condition.</i>	1. <i>Gather the data necessary to produce a 'State of the AONB' report to inform monitoring of this plan and production of the next one</i>	NPAP	NE, LA, EH, EA, LIG, UNI, NWL, UU, RT, WT, CEH	2013	Executive	1	IK2-?
	2. <i>Identify 'Indicators of Landscape Change' and establish a monitoring scheme</i>	NPAP	NE, LA	2011	Executive	1	LG1, IK2-?
	3. <i>Establish a research framework which identifies the research priorities for the AONB.</i>	NPAP	NE, EH, EA, LIG, UNI, NWL, UU, RT, WT, CEH, LA	2009	Executive	1	IK2-?
<i>IK2 To understand and plan for the potential impacts of climate change on the area's natural beauty.</i>	1. <i>Undertake research on the potential impacts of climate change on the area's natural beauty to inform adaptation and mitigation planning proposed in the management plan.</i>	NE	CEH, NPAP, EA, UNI	2011	Catalyst	1	LG13, LB11, HE6, IK1-6
	2. <i>Develop a project that assesses the value of the area's ecosystem services.</i>	NPAP	NE, LA, EA, CEH	2010	Executive	1	
<i>IK3 To increase knowledge and understanding of geodiversity and BAP species and habitats.</i>	1. <i>Based on the research framework, prioritise research to focus on identified UK BAP species and habitats</i>	NPAP	NE, LA, EA, LIG, UNI, NWL, UU, RT, WT, RSPB, CEH	2010-14	Executive	1	LB7, IK1-2, IK5, IK8
	2. <i>Undertake research on the Quaternary geology of the AONB, the dating of mineralisation and</i>	UNI	BGS, NPAP	2009-2014	Advocate	1	LG8, EU4, IK1, IK2

	<i>issues identified in the research framework.</i>						
	3. <i>Carryout and support research on peatlands in relation to flood risk, burning, carbon storage and best management practice.</i>	UNI	NPAP NE, LA, EH, EA, , NWL, UU	At least one major piece of research per year	Catalyst	1	LB1-2, LB7, IK1-2, IK4
<i>IK4 To undertake research into tourism in the AONB to inform policy and investment and the development of the Europarc Charter for Sustainable Tourism.</i>	1. Review existing sources of information on tourism, including its economic impact, gathered by others and apply/extrapolate (if possible) to the North Pennines.	ATPs / CT	NPAP, businesses and attractions	2009-12	Catalyst	1	EB1, IK1
	2. <i>Undertake surveys to augment existing information on the volume and nature of visitors and their economic and environmental impact.</i>	ATPs / CT	NPAP, businesses and attractions	2010-11	Catalyst	1	EB1, IK1
	3. <i>Undertake surveys of current provision (e.g. accommodation, attractions, promoted routes, food and drink etc) for visitors in and close to the North Pennines. Input the findings to GIS.</i>	ATPs / CT	NPAP, business, LA	2010	Catalyst	1	EB1, IK1
IK5 To understand the impacts on children's well-being associated with outdoor learning in the North Pennines.	1. Carry out research to establish what kinds of wider benefits children get from coming out into the North Pennines for learning experiences and which experiences have the most impact.	NPAP	LA, Schools	By 2011	Catalyst	1	EU5, IK1



# REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

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### Summary:

This report sets out the position regarding the production of the Management Plan for the North Pennines AONB.

### Recommendations:

That the draft management plan is reported to Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their consideration and a further report is presented to this committee on the final version of the 2009-14 Management Plan.

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**Note:** in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: North Pennines AONB Management Plan 2004-09; North Pennines AONB Management Plan 2009-14 Consultation Draft

## **1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS**

- 1.1 The introduction of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000 increased the status of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and placed their management on a more formal basis. This also brought a statutory responsibility for the local authorities whose areas contain AONBs to put adequate measures in place to ensure the future protection of those high quality landscapes. The North Pennines Partnership is established to undertake management responsibilities for the AONB involving all constituent local authorities and private sector representatives with local interest.
- 1.2 In 2004 the CRoW Act required all Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty to have a Management Plan prepared for a five year period which would establish the objectives and priorities for work over that period. This initial period finishes at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 and a new Management Plan is required to be in place for the following 5 years.
- 1.3 The North Pennines Partnership has undertaken a large amount of work on preparing the new Management Plan with officers from each area assisting and advising on the preparation. A consultation draft has been prepared and is appended to this report.
- 1.4 As nine Local Authorities cover the AONB area the preparation of joint documents such as the Management Plan is complex. This is further complicated by Local Government Reorganisation in Northumberland and Durham County areas. In order to put in place a new Management Plan by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 the Management Plan must be reported to City Council at its 3<sup>rd</sup> March meeting.
- 1.5 Following consultation, the full analysis of comments and changes to the Plan are still being worked on and will not be available until the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. A more detailed report on changes to this draft for the final version will be available for the Executive meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> February meeting.
- 1.6 Members are asked to consider the attached draft Management Plan and refer this initial report to Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration prior to the final version being available.

## **2. CONSULTATION**

### **2.1 Consultation to Date.**

One draft of the report was prepared for consultation during September/October 2008. Over 800 comments have been received.

### **2.2 Consultation proposed.**

No further consultation is proposed.

## **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the draft management plan is reported to Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their consideration and a further report is presented to this committee on the final version of the 2009-14 Management Plan.

## **4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To ensure consideration is given to the Management Plan which will impact on future priorities within part of the district.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS**

- Staffing/Resources – The AONB Partnership is supported by staff from the Local Plans and Conservation section and is funded from within Local Plans and Conservation Section budgets.
- Financial – The Management Plan is one of the Core functions funded by the joint working arrangements from existing Local Plans and Conservation budgets
- Legal – The requirements for a Management Plan are established through the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
- Corporate – The Management Plan will assist in ensuring a high quality environment for the “Greener” aspect of the Council’s priorities.

- Risk Management – The lack of adequate Management Plan may impact upon Core Funding and project funding provided in partnership by Local Authorities and Natural England.
- Equality and Disability – None
- Environmental – The AONB provides a high quality landscape and environment which will be improved by the provision of the Management Plan.
- Crime and Disorder – None
- Impact on Customers – The Management Plan will establish clear priorities for the work of the AONB Partnership and provide clearer information for customers.

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## **APPENDICES TO**

### **DS.19/09 – NORTH PENNINES AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN 2009-2014**

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