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## **NAAONB COLLABORATION GROUP ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

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### **Summary**

This paper updates members on recent collaboration by the National Association for AONBs (NAAONB) and the AONB team's involvement.

### **Recommendation**

The Partnership is recommended to note and comment on the update.

### **Background**

The National Association for AONBs formed at the beginning of 2021 a small collaboration group between 3 members of AONB teams and 3 people external to the sector who applied as volunteers to work with the AONB network to share their expertise. The group decided to focus its attention on climate change. It then lost a couple of members due to circumstances and Phil Holden was asked to join the group. Through February and March the group has met online weekly and has scoped the topic of climate change in relation to the AONB remit, and prepared workshop sessions for the NAAONB Lead Officers meeting held online on 11<sup>th</sup> March. Some slides used in that meeting and generated from it are included in Appendix 1. These contain many ideas which can guide our own future work.

The intention is now to recruit further members of AONB teams to work collaboratively on climate change, with sub-groups on particular topics such as land management, transport and sustainable tourism, planning, etc. It will be very valuable to tap into the knowledge and experience of Partnership members in developing this work.

<b>List of Background Papers</b>
None
<b>Human Rights Act Appraisal</b>
The information in this report is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.
<b>Environmental Appraisal</b>
The recommendation in this paper will contribute to the conservation of protected landscapes.

**Risk Management Appraisal**

Risk management has been appraised as part of the considerations of this report.

**Community / Consultations Appraisal**

The topics raised in this paper have been the subject of earlier consultations with Partnership members.

**Appendices**

Appendix 1 Slides relating to NAAONB Lead Officers meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March on Climate Change