

<b>Mendip Hills AONB Partnership Committee</b>		
Committee meeting date:	<b>21<sup>st</sup> November 2019</b>	<b>Paper: D</b>
Title:	<b>National Association for AONB (NAAONB) Update</b>	
Presented by:	<b>Jim Hardcastle, Mendip Hills AONB Unit</b>	
<b>To be noted.</b>		

## **1.0 Glover Review**

- 1.1 Staff from the NAAONB continue to work hard with Defra and the Glover Review panel to organise the consultation structure and then help the AONB family to formulate responses.
- 1.2 The review has focused on visiting these places and talking to people that visit, live or work in and care for them. Between them, the panel have already visited many National Parks and AONBs and plan to continue this into 2019. No formal visit to the Mendip Hills has been requested. We expect to publish the report making recommendations to government in Autumn 2019.
- 1.3 A recent call for 8 years worth of financial evidence has caused some concern coming at the end of the financial year but we will endeavour to supply this in a timely manner.
- 1.4 Clarification on a new funding agreement for AONBs with Defra will not be issued until after the next comprehensive spending review, expected in 2019.

## **2.0 Taking the Lead**

- 2.1 The NAAONB were awarded money from the Lottery Fund's Resilient Heritage fund to support the Future Landscapes Project. The project will explore how the AONB Family and its national charity can become more resilient and better prepared to address strategic challenges. For staff members there is a personal development programme for 40 people, Jim Hardcastle is one who will receive personality profiling, this has shown him to be predominantly 'People Focused' and 'Inspiration Driven'! Jim has attended 3 national meetings. Topic working groups have now been established from these staff members to address complex problems facing the AONBs. Jim sits on the Communications group.