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Councillor Abbot Bryning,
Leader of Cabinet.

HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Councillor Susan Charles,
Cabinet Member with Special Responsibility for
Rural Area Portfolio.

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23rd March 2009

Dear Councillor,

URGENT BUSINESS – Arnside/Silverdale AONB Management Plan Review

Members are requested to consider the attached report, advising of the need to seek approval to adopt the revised Arnside and Silverdale AONB Management Plan, and take the necessary steps to implement the Plan.

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 places a duty on Local Authorities to prepare and implement Management Plans for any parts of their administrative area which are designated as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There are AONB Partnerships between the various Local Authorities, both County and District Councils, across which the designation lies. For Arnside/Silverdale it is the City Council who acts as the lead Authority which manages the AONB Unit. The AONB Unit prepares and reviews the AONB Management Plans on behalf of the Local Authorities in the partnership.

The Management Plan Review has examined the most current issues impacting on the management of this sensitive environment, and the communities which live within it. An Action Plan has been prepared from the review and this will be implemented by the members of the partnership of organisations represented on the AONB Executive Committee, and by the AONB Unit, which for this AONB is managed by Lancaster City Council.

The urgency for this decision is that the reviewed Management Plan for the Arnside/Silverdale AONB must be submitted to the Secretary of State by 31st March 2009. Failure to do so could prejudice the future operation of the AONB unit.

The recommendations are:-

- (1) That the City Council adopts the revised Arnside and Silverdale AONB Management Plan**

- (2) That the City Council, in co-operation with the partner Authorities and guided by the AONB Executive Committee, take the necessary steps to implement the Plan.**
- (3) That the Overview & Scrutiny Chairman be consulted with a view to waiving call in, in accordance with Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17, to enable immediate implementation.**

The approval of the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has also been sought to this action in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 17(a).

I would be grateful if you could complete the attached slip, signifying whether you are in agreement with the recommendation or not, and return it to the Town Hall as soon as possible. In the meantime, could you please telephone Tom Silvani on 582132, or e-mail tsilvani@lancaster.gov.uk, with your decision.

Yours sincerely,

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Councillor Consultation

*I am/am not (***please delete as appropriate**) in agreement with the recommendation:-

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Signed: Abbott Bryning -----

Name: Councillor Abbot Bryning -----

Position Held: Leader of Cabinet-----

Dated: 24.03.09-----

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Signed: Susan Charles -----

Name: Councillor Susan Charles -----

Position Held: Cabinet Member with Special Responsibility for Rural Area Portfolio-----

Dated: 23.03.09-----

Chief Executive Decision

*I agree/do not agree (***please delete as appropriate**) to exercise my delegated authority and approve:-

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Signed: Mark Cullinan-----
Chief Executive

Dated: 24.03.09-----

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