

## **Annual Forum 2007**

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**Summary:** The Annual Forum will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> November in conference centre at Green Park near Aston Clinton near Wendover.

**Purpose of the Report:** To seek the Committee's approval of the planned arrangements.

1. This year's Forum will take place in Green Park, Aston Clinton near Wendover. It is Buckinghamshire's turn (in recent years it has been held in Henley, Whipsnade and Berkhamsted). The venue can accommodate up to 150 delegates and provides good value for money. Reasonable (free) parking is available and public transport by bus and train is satisfactory - Wendover and Tring Stations are within three miles).
2. It is recommended the event remains free but that booking is essential.
3. In previous years a high profile keynote speaker has been invited. This has tended to result in a shortage of time for discussion and for questioning the Board on its activities. It is therefore recommended that the programme is as follows:

10.00 - 10.10	Chairman's Introduction
10.10 - 10.20	Chief Officer's Review of 2006-07
10.20 - 11.30	Staff presentation on recent, current and planned work
11.30 - 11.45	Questions
11.45 - 12.05	Break
12.05 - 12.15	A Forward Look by the Chief Officer
12.15 - 12.45	Discussion
12.45 - 1.00 pm.	Presentation of Awards (Woodland and Landscape).
1.00 - 2.00	Lunch
2.00 - 3.30	Management Plan Workshop

4. Anyone who is interested will be invited to stay for an afternoon workshop on the Management Plan, in particular to discuss the main issues likely to affect the natural beauty of the Chilterns for the period 2008 – 2013.

### **Recommendation**

1. To approve the programme for the Annual Forum