

PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

URGENT BUSINESS ITEMS SUB-COMMITTEE

18 AUGUST 2000

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT NATIONAL PARK OFFICER – HEAD OF PLANNING

Part A

1. HOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP: STAFFING (A.861/PJS)

Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek approval for an alteration to the contracted hours of the Hope Valley Line Community Rail Partnership (HVLCRP) project officer.

Legal/Policy Base and Background

- 1.2 The National Park Authority is the employer of the HVLCRP project officer under the terms of an Agreement ratified by the Resources Committee on 21 July 2000.
- 1.3 At the Partnership meeting on 20 July it was agreed that the project officer's contracted hours should be enhanced by four a week to give a total of 22½ hours per week. Unfortunately this decision was too late to make a report on the 21 July Resources Committee.
- 1.4 Under the terms of the Partnership agreement, alterations to the contract of employment of the project officer requires the formal approval of the relevant Authority Committee. There is no effect on the National Park Authority's budget contribution to the Partnership and the Partnership budget has sufficient resources to cover the expenditure. It has therefore been agreed, following discussion with Personnel Service, that the project officer should be paid for the additional hours as from 1 August. Until such times as this Committee ratifies the change to the contracted hours, the additional time will be regarded as overtime but paid for at plain time rate. Assuming the Committee approves the changes in contracted hours the change would then be made retrospective and leave, pension, etc would then accrue as from 1 August.

Proposal

- 1.5 The proposal is that the contracted hours of the HVLCRP project officer be increased to 22½ per week with effect from 1 August 2000, funded from the existing HVLCRP budget.

Financial Consideration

- 1.6 The Partnership budget will meet the additional expenditure without any effect on the Authority's resources.

Consultation Responses

- 1.7 The views of Personnel and financial Services have been incorporated in this report.

1.8 RECOMMENDATION:

That the contracted hours of the Hope Valley Line Community Rail Partnership project officer be increased to 22½ per week with effect from 1 August 2000.

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

Nil