

**AGENDA ITEM No 2**

**PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

**URGENT BUSINESS ITEMS SUB COMMITTEE**

**16 MAY 2003**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES**

**URGENT BUSINESS**

**PART A**

**1. EXECUTIVE REVIEW: STANDING ORDERS (A.11/EWJ)**

**Purpose of Report**

- 1.2 To advise Members of the implications of the Executive Review on the operation of the current delegation arrangements under Standing Orders.

**Background**

- 1.3 Under the current Standing Orders various functions are delegated to Assistant National Park Officers. These job titles are now obsolete following the agreement of the new structure and the appointment of the three Directors with effective from 1 May 2003.
- 1.4 In the review of services all the individual Directors' posts have retained responsibility for the same delegated functions that they exercised as Assistant National Park Officers. In addition to this the delegation to the former Assistant National Park Officer – Head of Planning is now the responsibility of the Director of Conservation and Development.

**Proposal**

- 1.5 It is considered that these changes are an operational matter only and that there is no need for the Authority to re-delegate the specific functions to the Directors. It is proposed that the text of the Standing Orders be amended to reflect the new job titles.

**Further work**

- 1.6 The Management Team will be considering the delegation arrangements with their new Heads of Services and further reports will be brought to the Authority Meetings in due course. In this interim period as we move from the old structure to the new, until new arrangements are agreed budgetary and delegation arrangements will remain with Service Managers in the old structure (some of whom are new Service Heads in the new structure). The long-term review of Standing Orders and delegation is one of the topics that has been identified by the Decision Making Member Change Action team.

**Financial Considerations**

- 1.7 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**Consultation**

- 1.8 Management Team; the Chief Finance Officer, Head of Finance and Head of Legal Services have been consulted on the report.

**Equal Opportunities/Health and Safety/Human Rights Implications**

- 1.9 These have been considered in the preparation of the report.

**1.10 RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the proposal to amend the text of Standing Orders to reflect the implications of the Executive Review as explained in the report be noted and agreed.**

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

Nil