

AGENDA ITEM No. 4

PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

URGENT BUSINESS ITEMS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING

7 NOVEMBER 2003

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

PART A

1. IMPLEMENTING ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT (IEG): IEG3 SUBMISSION (IEG/RMM)

Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report asks Members to approve in principle our 2003 IEG3 submission. It needs to be sent to the Office for the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) by the deadline of midnight on 10 November 2003. It is a requirement that our submission is approved by Committee.

Legal/Policy Base and Background

- 1.2 The ODPM has issued guidance notes on what should be included in the Authority's submission. The guidance states:

'The IEG3 return is an essential part of the national monitoring process for assessing electronic local service delivery capability against the 2005 target and supports the aims of the National Strategy for local e-government (www.localgov.gov.uk). It is also an important mechanism for assessing the progress and the use of IEG funding in individual local authorities'.

- 1.3 The guidance notes form part of the proforma for the IEG3 submission and therefore remain within the text given at Appendix one.

- 1.4 Our IEG3 submission builds on work already agreed as part of our IEG2 submission and needs to read in conjunction with that document which can be found at www.peakdistrict.org/pubs/IEG/IEG2.pdf or paper copies can be requested from committee services at Aldern House.

- 1.5 Our IG3 submission has been developed through working with the IEG Steering Group which includes our Member e-champion and through working with the Management Team. Heads of Service have been involved through Directors and the Chief Executive and through briefings held for all staff and Members in September 2003.

Proposal

- 1.6 Appendix one gives the draft IEG3 submission as at 27 October. The bulk of the material in our submission is found in the introductory section (titled priority services), in the traffic light section and resources tables. These are included at Appendix one. Work is still in progress on gathering the statistical data required for sections 2 and 3. Section 4 is being completed jointly with other National Parks. The current draft has also been sent to our ODPM representative for informal consultation and to others, so not all consultation replies have yet been considered. It is therefore proposed that the Authority's submission at Appendix one be approved in principle for submission to the ODPM and that authority be given to the Director of Corporate Resources to make any final amendments.

Financial Consideration

- 1.7 The ODPM guidance explains:

'A formal announcement regarding IEG funding for 2004/5 and 2005/6 will be made later this year. Authorities should complete their returns on the basis that it will inform the distribution of £175 million available capital funding from the ODPM for local e-government in 2004/5 and £96.5 million in 2005/6'.

Human Rights aspects including Equal Opportunities

- 1.8 There are no apparent Human Rights and Equal Opportunity issues

Consultation Responses

- 1.9 The IEG Steering Group, Management Team, Heads of Service, UNISON and Staff Committee have been consulted on this report and Appendix. Any comments received after the production of the report will be reported orally to committee.

1.10 RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the IEG3 submission at Appendix one be approved in principle.
2. That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to finalise the document for submission to the ODPM by 10 November 2003.

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

Nil