

AGENDA ITEM No. 4

PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

URGENT BUSINESS ITEMS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING

28 MAY 2004

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PART A

1. REPRESENTATION ON REGIONAL BODIES (A. 9363/JBD)

Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This Authority is invited to nominate representatives for both the East Midlands Local Government Association and Regional Assembly, including for associated Groups within the Assembly.

Policy Base and Background

- 1.2 This Authority is a member of the East Midlands Local Government Association, a membership that confers a wide range of practical benefits. EMRLGA provides a range of employment, policy, training and other services that we use as officers. In addition, EMRLGA plays a significant role in the region, inputting into economic, environmental, rural, planning and other policy areas. EMRLGA also co-ordinates input by Local Authorities into the EM Regional Assembly, an organisation that itself impacts on a similarly wide range of issues that are germane to national parks and regional issues, especially through the Regional Planning Board. Whilst the Authority operates within 4 Government Office Regions (and hence LGA and Assembly regions) the East Midlands is our lead region and is the region where the bulk of the National Park by area and population is.
- 1.3 EMRLGA is seeking formal nominations for the EMRLGA General Meeting where we are allowed 1 representative (substitutes are allowed) which confers 1 vote. All members must be serving Elected Members. EMRLGA is also seeking expressions of interest from nominated members of the General Meeting for the Executive Committee and Employment Forum, decisions on which will be made at a meeting 11.00am 2 July 2004.
- 1.4 EMRLGA is also seeking formal nominations for the Regional Assembly where we are allowed 1 nomination (substitutes are allowed). Members must be serving Elected Members. EMRLGA is also seeking expressions of interest for the Regional Assembly added places, and the following associated groups: Assembly Board, Regional Planning Board, Regional Scrutiny Board, Housing Group, Environment Group, Public Health Group, Promoting Sustainable Development and Transport. The Assembly AGM takes place on 23 July at which point these appointments are made.
- 1.5 Cllr John Bull currently represents this Authority on the EMRLGA and the Regional Assembly and is also a member of both the Environment and Regional Planning Boards. Mr Hilary Young is the substitute representative on the Association. There is a vacancy for the substitute on the Assembly.

- 1.6 Nominations and associated details of officer-level contacts are required to be with EMRLGA by 28 May 2004.

1.7 **Financial considerations**

This Authority is an existing member of the East Midlands Local Government Association which confers representational rights. The Association under their own allowances scheme pays all expenses arising out of attendance at meetings. There are no other financial implications of the decision to continue this membership.

Human Rights Considerations

- 1.8 None

1.9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Members appoint a representative, and a substitute, for the East Midlands Regional Local Government Association and a representative and a substitute for the East Midland Regional Assembly.

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

Nil