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SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA ITEM 8



Meeting: **National Park Authority**

Date: **Friday 7 July 2017**

Time: **10.00 am**

Venue: **The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell**

SARAH FOWLER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

1. 2017 Statements Received for Positions of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority (*Pages 3 - 6*)
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Duration of Meeting

In the event of not completing its business within 3 hours of the start of the meeting, in accordance with the Authority's Standing Orders, the Authority will decide whether or not to continue the meeting. If the Authority decides not to continue the meeting it will be adjourned and the remaining business considered at the next scheduled meeting.

If the Authority has not completed its business by 1.00pm and decides to continue the meeting the Chair will exercise discretion to adjourn the meeting at a suitable point for a 30 minute lunch break

after which the committee will re-convene.

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To: National Park Authority Members

Constituent Authorities
Secretary of State for the Environment
Natural England

Statements for Position of Chair of the Authority

Statement by Cllr Lesley Roberts:

Members,

It is the time of year when we take time to assess what we have achieved and plan what we still need to do. Our Performance and Business Plan sets it all out in depth and detail, but I would like to extract a few points to illustrate the variety of work undertaken by our officers.

I list some of the projects below:-

Moors for the Future Partnership, South West Peak Landscape Partnership Scheme, White Peak Project, Stanage North Lees and Sheffield Moors Masterplan, Countryside Stewardship, Trans-Pennine Wider Connectivity Study, NPE 'Future of Farming' group.

There are many, many more – too many to mention here, but you will find them all in the Plan.

The restructure of the Authority is almost complete, and we are both leaner and smarter to cope with the future facing us. We are still financially challenged, must look after our farmers post Brexit, continue with the projects already underway and – with partners – move forward with other plans; which will be outlined in the Management Plan, currently out for consultation.

Alongside this, we hold our AGM, during which we elect the members to the various posts, where they will be able to support and help the officers in their work.

I have been Chairman for 3 years, and if you elect me for a fourth year (our standing orders allow a maximum of 4 years), I will continue to support and back the CEO and officers to consolidate the progress already made.

I am also involved nationally with the family of National Parks, where we all face similar problems. We are in the process of sharing both ideas and services, in order to fulfil our statutory purposes, as well as developing the projects we feel that only National Parks can do.

The job of Chairman is a pleasant one, even though it takes hard work, responsibility and commitment. So, I hope you will re-elect me, in order that I can see through some of the outstanding projects, including the completion of the National Park Management Plan – due early next year.

Lesley.

Statement by Cllr Patrick Brady:

Following recent approaches from colleagues, I have agreed with some diffidence to allow my name to go forward for election as Chairman of the Authority.

The Authority, mainly through its staff, has some remarkable and sometimes spectacular achievements to its name, and long may this continue. Nonetheless, I sense a growing concern at the dangers of "Cabinet Government" and a degree of frustration and confusion

around when, how and why decisions are taken and about how we debate and formulate policy.

My aim is to help Members make a difference and, within resources, to use my considerable experience of local authority governance at a senior level to work inclusively with colleagues (both formally and informally) to:

- ✓ strengthen the Members' role in making policy;
- ✓ structure meetings so that Members properly debate and "own" the policies we approve;
- ✓ broaden the Members' participation in the scrutinising and appraisal of performance;
- ✓ keep Members better informed about the important business of the Authority, and review opportunities for Member consultation and "call-in";
- ✓ clarify the accountability of Officers for actions and advice;
- ✓ pursue "open government" so that the public and Members can better contribute to our work;
- ✓ consider how Members may influence the agenda;
- ✓ ensure that reasonable concerns of Members are addressed and responded to.

Patrick Brady.

Statements for Position of Deputy Chair of the Authority

Statement by Cllr David Chapman:

I state below my reasons for wishing once again to be elected as Deputy Chair of this Authority. This statement has not changed other than in the fact that I have a further year of understanding and experience of what the role entails. This means I am better able to support the Chair of the Authority and continue with the commitments with which I have been involved over the last two and a half years.

I was elected to the position of Deputy Chair for the Peak District National Park in March 2015. Since then I have established a very good working relationship with our Chief Executive and officers within this authority whilst also giving support to our current Chair in sharing a heavy work load. This continuity in the position of Deputy Chair means that I now have both the experience and contacts to liaise with outside bodies and a close knowledge of staff interactions and responsibilities within Aldern House, something which has taken time to develop. My original reasons for wishing to be considered for this position remain unchanged:

One is to ensure, to the best of my abilities, that the hopes, needs and aspirations of all Park residents and visitors are understood and met wherever possible. Two is to ensure, to the best of my abilities, that the landscape of this Park is protected and sustained. I now add a third reason

and that is to continue to help the development of a closer understanding and respect between officers and members in what are times of change for this National Park.

As a Derbyshire Dales District Councillor I am also able to act as a conduit for any matters arising which have mutual significance for this Park.

The qualities which I consider myself to have to fulfil this role are:

1. A lifelong connection and unquestionable love for the Peak District National Park.
2. 17 years as a District Councillor which have provided me with a sound knowledge of the workings of Local Government.
3. A vast number of friends and relatives within the Park who don't hesitate to keep me informed as to public opinion.
4. I am in my seventh year as an Authority Member and have served on a number of committees which have given me a broad aspect and understanding of National Park governance, namely: Planning, ARP, Moors For The Future (Chair), Land Managers Forum, Appeals Panel, National Park Management Advisory Group and Local Joint Committee.

To be re-elected to this role would again be a massive privilege for me and the chance to continue to give back something to this National Park which has had such a huge influence on, and importance to, my life.

David Chapman.

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Statements Received for Positions of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees

Chair of Planning Committee

Statement by Mr Paul Ancell:

I am happy to put myself forward again for the position of Planning Chair during the coming year. It is a role that I have enjoyed since taking over from Lesley, and despite many challenges I believe we, as a Committee, have been able to demonstrate that we are fair, open, diligent and take a balanced view in coming to often difficult decisions.

I believe those who have attended our meetings as applicants, objectors or supporters, will have left believing they had a fair hearing and were treated with respect, even if the outcome was not quite what they had wanted. I am quite sure that the reputation and perception of the Planning Committee has been enhanced as a result, and I am pleased to have played a part in that.

I have enjoyed working with Doug as my deputy and John Scott as Planning Director – I think we make a good team, and I would look forward to us supporting the vital work of the Planning Department from the position of Chairman during the coming year. There is much to be done in balancing the legitimate development needs of our local community with our core purposes as a National Park, and I want to ensure that the Planning Committee continues to play a key role.

Paul Ancell.

Chair of Audit, Resources and Performance Committee

Statement by Cllr Andrew McCloy:

With members' support, I would like to serve out one final year as chair of Audit, Resources and Performance Committee. The Authority has undergone some profound changes over the last few years which have affected the shape, direction and outlook of the whole organisation. After a sometimes difficult period of restructuring forced upon us by funding cuts, I feel we are now entering a new phase and have the opportunity to shape a more resilient and dynamic National Park Authority. ARP committee allows members to support, scrutinise and challenge officers to deliver this. I can offer experience, leadership and a deep-seated knowledge of the National Park and if elected I will continue to chair in an even-handed and inclusive manner. Finally, I'm very much aware that I was elected to serve on a national body by local people and the National Park will only prosper if we work in a spirit of understanding and cooperation with our local communities.

Andrew McCloy.

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STATEMENTS RECEIVED FOR POSITIONS OF MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

FOOD AND FARMING

Statement by Mrs Frances Beatty

I am sorry not to be able to be at the AGM, but my credentials for the Food & Farming or Rural Economy representative lie in that this is where my knowledge and experience lies.

I was Regional Director of the Country Land & Business Association for many years. I subsequently ran my own rural economy business:- specifically a bid writing and grant support company (relevant projects included managing Staffordshire Rural Hub; running the West Midlands Food & Farming Programme. I was involved at the inception of Churnet Valley Living Landscapes where I researched, took evidence and wrote the farming and enterprise section of the bid. I ran a National Lottery Changing Spaces Local Food programme; a local sourcing project for Staffordshire schools; et al).

In my capacity as cabinet member for Planning & Economic Development at Stafford Borough Council I take a particular interest in rural issues eg broadband; new SPDs on rural buildings; new rural development; and landscape design; local sourcing; local procurement etc. I am Staffordshire & Stoke LEP (SSLEP) representative to the national Defra LEPs Round Table; I chair Staffordshire Rural Forum and its economic thematic group (which acts as the SSLEP's rural economic advisory body). I am a member of the ESIF committee deciding EU grant applications; and chair Cannock Chase AONB Joint Committee. I am member of Staffordshire DMP for PDNPA, but have a strong county wide interest in the visitor economy.

Frances.

LANDSCAPE AND HERITAGE

Statement by Mr Robert Helliwell:

I have been elected as Member with Responsibility for Landscape for the last two years. The title of this post has now changed to encompass heritage. There has been comment that these are strange topics to put together, but the landscape that we see is generally a result of past industries such as lead mining, quarrying and farming. Customs developed with these industries, so the two do go hand in hand; each is important in its own right but are also linked to each other.

I have always had an interest in local history and my work as a farmer encompasses caring for the landscape. The wealth of archaeology on the moors and woodlands of the Peak District is fascinating, while local customs help to keep rural communities alive.

Being on Planning Committee is useful in ensuring that landscape is considered and historical issues are treated with respect.

Robert Helliwell.

RURAL ECONOMY

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Frances.

Statement by Cllr Chris Furness:

Please read this together with my Member Representative for Economy report for 2016 – 2017 (previously circulated by Democratic Services), to which I would add that I have spoken at planning committee meetings in support of applications which I believed would benefit the PDNP economy and against those I thought would be detrimental.

I studied Economics to A level and it has been a lifelong interest for me.

My career, before retiring in 2000, was with large PLCs - managing and developing their major accounts and exports, and creating and managing subsidiary companies.

Since retirement, I have acquired Masters Degrees at Oxford and Sheffield Universities and I am a member of the Sheffield University Alumni Board and student grants committee.

As a District Councillor, I represent Derbyshire Dales on two committees (Audit and Scrutiny) of Sheffield City Region Combined Authority. I thus have a voice on the equitable distribution of the annual £30 million of Government economic regeneration funding for SCRCA. Since half of Derbyshire Dales, geographically, is within the National Park, this will also impact on PDNPA and I make regular reference to this in debates at SCRCA committees.

My guiding principle, as MR Rural Economy, would be to ensure that members never lose sight of the need for a vibrant and developing economy within this National Park. We need to preserve our existing business sites and create new ones in appropriate locations. There are many new businesses being created which will need to expand. We need to be able to offer them the opportunity to do so without having to move away from the National Park.

Affordable Housing is a key ingredient of a healthy Rural Economy and we need to ensure that sufficient is made available for local needs.

Chris Furness.

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