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AGENDA ITEM No. 2

MINUTES

Meeting: **Audit, Resources and Performance Committee**

Date: 19 July 2013 at 10.00am

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

Chair: Mr C Pennell

Present: Mrs F Beatty, Clr Mrs B Beeley, Clr D Birkinshaw, Clr A Botham, Clr A Favell (from item 8 onwards), Clr C Furness, Mr Z Hamid, Clr P Harrison, Clr Mrs G Heath, Mr R Helliwell, Ms S Leckie, Clr A McCloy, Mr G D Nickolds, Clr Mrs L Roberts, Clr Mrs N Turner.

Apologies for Absence: Clr G Claff and Clr S Marshall-Clarke.

43/13 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed new Member, Clr Andy Botham from Derbyshire County Council, to his first Audit, Resources and Performance Committee meeting.

44/13 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting of the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee held on 7 June 2013 were approved as a correct record.

45/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair reported that 10 people had given notice to speak under the public participation at meetings scheme.

46/13 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest in items on the agenda:

Item 6

- Cllr Mrs N Turner, personal, as a member of the Peak District Local Access Forum, she had not taken part in any discussions regarding this item
- Mr C Pennell, personal, as a member of Friends of the Peak District who were a commenting consultee. Also he knew commenting consultees from all sides of the 'argument'.
- It was noted that Members had received a letter from the Land Access and Recreation Association (LARA)

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- Mr C Pennell, personal, as he was Deputy Chair of the Moors for the Future Partnership

47/13 6. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER AT THE ROYCH (A76224/SAS)

The Rights of Way officer introduced the report and reminded Members of the need to have regard to paragraphs 2, 44 and 47 of the report whilst considering and making a decision.

The Chair stated that he must refute comments made by the Trail Riders Fellowship in their regulation 7 response relating to targets for making traffic regulation orders.

The following spoke under the public participation at meetings scheme:

- Mr D Sparkes, Green Lanes Association
- Ms E Edwards, Peak District Local Access Forum
- Mr A Kind, Principal Planning Officer, Land Access and Recreation Association
- Mr D Giles, Peak Rights of Way Initiative
- Mr R Hickin, Technical Director & National Right of Way Officer, Trail Riders Fellowship Ltd
- Mr R Sugden, Individual
- Ms P Stubbs, Peak Horsepower
- Mr N Bennett, Objector
- Mr C Woods, Peak District Green Lanes Alliance and also representing the Ramblers and Friends of the Peak District.

Members considered the report on the outcome of the publication of proposals under Regulation 5 the National Park Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England) Regulations 2007 for a permanent traffic regulation order (TRO) on the section of the Roych Clough track that is concurrent with the Pennine Bridleway National Trail and the options set out in paragraph 47 of the report.

A motion for option (i) as set out in paragraph 47 of the report for a permanent Traffic Regulation Order under Section 22 BB(2)(a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 was moved and seconded. Members then debated the motion. The motion was voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

That the Authority proceeds to make a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order under Section 22 BB(2)(a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that will have the effect of prohibiting use by mechanically propelled vehicles at all times on the section of the Roych Clough track that is concurrent with the Pennine Bridleway.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.15am for a short break and reconvened at 11.25am.

48/13 7. MOORS FOR THE FUTURE PARTNERSHIP - PRIVATE LAND PROJECT 2013-2018 (MS-C)

The Moors for the Future Partnership Programme Manager, together with the Project Manager, introduced the report and gave a short presentation.

Mr G Nickolds, as Chair of the Moors for the Future Partnership, thanked the Programme Manager and his team for their excellent work. The recommendation for approval to deliver the Private Lands project was moved and seconded.

In response to Members' queries the Director of Corporate Resources stated that staffing issues had been discussed by the Resource Management Team and that recommendation 2 reflected this.

The motion was then voted on and carried.

Clr A R Favell had joined the meeting during this item but did not take part in the vote on the motion.

RESOLVED:

That approval is given to accept the delivery of the Private Lands Project on behalf of Natural England, and to delegate to the Assistant Director Land Management:

- 1. Approval to undertake the works on any capital works plan which has been approved through the Peak District National Park Authority internal consultation procedure in consultation with the Peak District National Park Authority's Head of Finance and the Chair of Audit, Resources and Performance Committee.**
- 2. The decision to recruit fixed term staff to give the required capacity once the detailed volume of work is known.**
- 3. The sign off of third party agreements and contractual arrangements with landholders; in consultation with the Peak District National Park Authority's Heads of Law and Finance.**
- 4. The final agreement on the fee basis for delivering the project in consultation with the Peak District National Park Authority's Head of Finance.**

49/13 8. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT - VALUE FOR MONEY REVIEW (JILW)

The Head of Information Management introduced the report on the 'value for money' review of the Information Management Service and the resulting action plan.

It was noted that work on the connectivity issues for the Moors for the Future Partnership staff were currently taking place and it was hoped that this would lead to an improvement in service. However if there was not enough improvement other options would be considered.

The recommendation for approval of the action plan was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

Approve the Information Management ‘value for money’ action plan in Appendix 1 of the report.

50/13 9. RESIDENTS SURVEY 2012 REPORT (AN)

The Policy Programme Manager introduced the report and the Research Officer was also present.

It was noted that the questions relating to the Planning Service would be amended in conjunction with the Director of Planning before the next survey and that social media and other ways of encouraging young people to respond were being considered.

Members queried if comparative data with other National Park Authorities was available, particularly regarding Planning. Although it was noted that there was none currently available it was agreed that the Director of Planning would liaise with the Policy Programme Manager to provide publically available data for comparison. In response to another query it was agreed to circulate the summary of the responses regarding ethnicity and disability to Members.

It was agreed to amend the recommendation to make it clear that the results of the survey were being noted and the Authority’s response was approved subject to Members’ comments above

The amended recommendation was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the results of the survey (appendix A of the report) are noted and the Authority’s response (appendix B of the report) is approved subject to Members’ comments and released to the public, and followed up with an article in Parklife magazine.**
- 2. That supplementary work with young residents is undertaken through the emerging Peak District Youth Forum.**
- 3. That the feasibility of undertaking a survey of national park businesses in partnership with Business Peak District and constituent local authorities is assessed.**

12.34 Cllr Mrs L Roberts left the meeting.

51/13 10. 2013/14 QUARTER 1 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT (A91941/WA)

The Director of Corporate Resources explained the difficulty in reporting out against the success measure for objective 12(a) due to the way it had been expressed. She proposed a clearer set of words using the value of £258k savings rather than a percentage. Members supported the change and the recommendation was amended accordingly.

With reference to complaint C352, reported in the quarterly report on complaints in Appendix 1 of the report, the Chair of the Committee requested that in future the Chair and Vice Chair of Audit, Resources and Performance Committee be made aware of any allegations of fraud by officers. This was agreed. It was noted that the Chair of the Authority had investigated and responded to the complaint referred to.

The recommendation, as amended, was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Quarter 1 Corporate Performance Return, given in Appendix 1 of the report, be reviewed and any remedial action agreed.**
- 2. That the current success measure on increased income for objective 12 should be reworded to: 'achieve £258k from increased income generation/cost reductions arising from wider market activities by the end of March 2015'.**
- 3. That the proposed addition to the risk register, given in Appendix 2 of the report, be agreed.**

52/13 11. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (A595/MF)

Members considered the report on the environmental performance data for the 2012/13 financial year and progress against performance. The Environmental Management Officer amended the report to replace 2011/12 with 2012/13 in the recommendation and in the title of the appendix.

The recommendation was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

That the environmental performance data detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be adopted as a measure of the Authority's operational environmental performance over the 2012/13 reporting period.

The meeting ended at 12.45pm.