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## **MINUTES**

Meeting: **Audit Resources & Performance Committee**

Date: Friday 7 September 2018 at 10.00 am

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

Chair: Mr Z Hamid

Present: Mr J W Berresford, Mrs P Anderson, Cllr A R Favell, Cllr C Furness, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Cllr B Lewis, Cllr A McCloy, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr J Perkins, Cllr R Walker and Cllr F J Walton

Cllr D Chapman attended to observe and speak but not vote.

Apologies for absence: Cllr B Woods.

### **44/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 20 JULY 2018**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee held on 20 July 2017 were approved as a correct record.

### **45/18 URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

### **46/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Fourteen members of the public had given notice to speak under the public participation at meetings scheme.

### **47/18 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Item 6

Mr Z Hamid had received lobbying correspondence.

Mr J Berresford declared he had received correspondence from Ms S Cooksey.

Cllr A McCloy declared a personal interest as he was a member of the Ramblers Association.

Cllr Mrs G Heath declared a personal interest as the route was within Wetton Parish which was within her Staffordshire County Council division. Cllr Mrs Heath had attended Parish Council meetings and also arranged a meeting between The Access and Rights

of Way Officer and a representative of Staffordshire County Council Highways, this had involved a walk of the route.

Cllr B Lewis declared a personal interest as a member of Derbyshire County Council

Mrs P Anderson declared a personal interest as a member of the National Trust.

Cllr T Favell and Cllr D Chapman declared a personal interest as they knew one of the speakers on the item Mr Sebire

#### Item 7

Mr Z Hamid had received lobbying correspondence.

Mr J Berresford and Cllr A McCloy reported receipt of correspondence from Anne Robinson, Friends of the Peak District.

Mr J Berresford, Cllr D Chapman and Cllr C Furness reported receipt of correspondence from Mr John Youatt.

#### Item 8

Cllr D Chapman declared a personal interest as Chair of the Moors for the Future Partnership.

Mrs P Anderson declared a personal interest as Deputy Chair of the Moors for the Future Partnership.

Cllr R Walker declared a personal interest as Chair of Upper Colne and Holme Natural Flood Management Project, which had links with the Moors for the Future project.

#### Item 9

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### **48/18 PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER AT WETTON HILLS (A76228/SAS)**

The Access and Rights of Way Officer introduced the report and it was noted that some Members had visited the site and walked the route on the previous day. A note of the site visit was tabled. Photos of the route taken on 5 and 6 September were displayed for Members' information.

The following spoke under the public participation scheme:

- Mr A Sebire, local resident

- Mr A Whitehouse, supporter of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)
- Ms A Turner, individual
- Mr C Woods, representing Peak District Green Lanes Alliance, Peak Horse Power and Peak and Northern Footpaths Society
- Mr D Sparkes, Individual
- Mr K Fearn, representing Visually Impaired Ramblers
- Ms S Reiblein, read out statements on behalf of Kevin Higton, a farmer, and Ms S Cooksey, a local resident
- Ms S Reiblein, local resident
- Ms A Robinson, Friends of the Peak District.

A motion for a permanent TRO was moved.

In response to Members' queries officers supplied details of numbers and patterns of use of the route by motorised vehicles.

Cllr B Lewis withdrew his declaration of interest in this item as the site did not fall within Derbyshire County Council's area.

Although some Members suggested a seasonal TRO as an option the motion for a permanent prohibition of all mechanically propelled vehicles at all times was seconded. It was noted that Members would like to see the track repaired.

The motion for a permanent TRO as set out in paragraph 47.i was voted on and carried.

**RESOLVED:**

**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 at Wetton Hills (subject to specified exceptions).**

The meeting adjourned for a short break at 1128 and reconvened at 1135.

**49/18 BROSTERFIELD SITE, FOOLOW - PROPOSED SUBMISSION OF REVISED PLANNING APPLICATION (P4484/CBM)**

The Chair reminded Members that the Committee would not be discussing planning issues.

The Corporate Property Officer introduced the report which sought approval to submit a revised planning application for the Brosterfield site following refusal of the last planning application in March 2017. It was noted that section 4 of the report should state the proposals are for touring caravans.

The following spoke under the public participation at meetings scheme:

- Mr J Youatt, Objector
- Mr H Folkard, Objector
- Ms A Robinson, Friends of the Peak District, Objector
- Mr S Wills, Chair of Foolow Parish Meeting, Objector

It was noted that the Authority purchased the site to prevent a static development on the site but that it was never intended to discontinue the planning permission for the site and that it was also intended to re-coup the purchase costs.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved. This motion was seconded subject to pause for communication with the community before making the planning application.

Concern was expressed that an email sent by one of the speakers had not been received by all Members it was sent to, and regarding the perceived lack of communication with local residents. A suggestion was made that deferral of the application may be preferable.

It was agreed to amend the recommendation as moved to include detailed consultation with the community. The motion as amended was voted on and carried.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To submit a full planning application for a revised proposal described in paragraph 4 of the report and as amended at the meeting to include touring caravans, together with an amenity block based on the floor space of the 2003 amenity block approval (which expired) with any required minor modifications/finessing undertaken as part of the planning process. There will be detailed consultation with the community before submission of the application submitted**
- 2. Following the outcome of the planning application, an analysis for future options for the site is then presented to Members at a meeting of the full Authority.**

Cllr B Lewis left the room at 11.58 during this item.

Cllr A McCloy left the room.

**50/18      UNDERTAKING PROJECTS FOR MOORLIFE 2020 PARTNERS AUGUST 2018  
UPDATE (MSC)**

Chris Dean, Head of Programme Delivery – Moors for the Future Project, and Kate Morley, Conservation and Land Management Project Manager, introduced the report which requested a raise in the funding limit, previously authorised in January 2017, to enable responses to current and future opportunities to fund SSSI recovery.

Cllr A McCloy returned to the room. Cllr C McLaren left the room.

Members congratulated the Team on their good work and the recommendation as set out in the report was moved and seconded. The motion was then voted on and carried.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To approve in principle working with the MoorLIFE 2020 project partners to deliver additional projects until the end of the MoorLIFE project (or any extension to it).**
- 2. To delegate specific project approval (including signatures of related agreements with partners), to an increased maximum combined value of £2.5 million (raised from £1.5m) in any financial year, to the Director of Conservation and Planning, in consultation with the Head of Law and in**

**agreement with the Chief Finance Officer (expenditure will not exceed £2.5m in any financial year).**

- 3. That the Authority may, subject to compliance with its procurement standing orders, enter into contracts for the delivery of an approved project.**

**51/18 ELEMENTS OF LIFE PROPOSAL (KM)**

Chris Dean, Head of Programme Delivery – Moors for the Future Project, and Debra Wilson, Communication Programme Manager, introduced the report which requested support to develop a LIFE application to continue the Moors for the Future Partnership's work across the South Pennine Moors to be submitted in January 2019.

It was noted that an expression of interest had been submitted but no response to that had yet been received.

Some concern was expressed regarding European Union (EU) funding in relation to Britain's exit from the EU however Officers were confident that Defra would still guarantee a successful bid and would seek specific assurance from them.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

**RESOLVED:**

**To approve the request to develop a full proposal for the Elements of LIFE project.**

**52/18 2018/19 QUARTER 1 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT (A91941/HW)**

Emily Fox, the Head of Strategy and Performance, introduced the report which provided monitoring information for the end of Quarter 1 2018/19 for review of performance against the third and final year of the Corporate Strategy, monitoring of the Corporate Risk Register, monitoring of Freedom of Information/Environmental Information Regulations and monitoring of Complaints.

The impact of the recent wild fires was referred to within Appendix 1, Directional Shift 1 and Cllr McCloy requested that Officers supply a short briefing note on the impacts for Members along with information on the first successful year of community grants.

1300 Cllr Mrs G Heath left the meeting.

With regard to Appendix 1, Cornerstone 2, the Director of Conservation and Planning reported that a response had been received from the Government regarding the proposal to designate the Authority to special measures based on its appeal performance on major developments. The Government have stated that the Authority is exempted from special measures and the issue had been removed from the Corporate Risk Register.

1305 Cllr C Furness left the meeting.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the Quarter 1 Corporate Performance Return, given in Appendix 1 of the report, is reviewed and any actions to address issues agreed.**
- 2. That the corporate risk register summary given in Appendix 2 of the report is reviewed and status of risks accepted.**
- 3. That the status of complaints, Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations requests, given in Appendix 3 of the report, be noted.**

The Committee voted to continue the meeting beyond 1300, in accordance with Standing Orders.

**53/18 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2017/18 (A595 / MF)**

1315 Matt Freestone, Environmental Management Officer, introduced the report which detailed the environmental performance data for the 2017/18 financial year and progress against performance in previous and baseline years.

1310 Cllr A R Favell left the room.

Members welcomed the report and stated that the good news from it should be promoted.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

1313 Cllr A R Favell returned to the room.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the environmental performance data detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be considered and adopted as the detail supporting the position on the Authority's operational environmental performance over the 2017/18 reporting period.**
- 2. To note that a new Carbon Management Plan will be established over the remainder of the 2018/19 period whereby targets will be established for the period from 2019 to 2024.**

1315 Cllr R Walker left the room.

**54/18 OMBUDSMAN'S ANNUAL REVIEW (RC)**

Andrea McCaskie, Head of Law and Monitoring Officer, introduced the report which gave details of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's Annual Review of Complaints for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

Cllr C Furness returned to the meeting.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

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**RESOLVED:**

**To note the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman annual review letter as at Appendix 1 of the report.**

**55/18 EXTERNAL AUDIT (KPMG): 2017/18 ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER (A1362/DH)**

David Hickman, Director of Corporate Strategy and Development, introduced the report which gave details of the External Auditor's 2017/18 Annual Audit Letter.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the 2017/18 Annual Audit Letter be considered and acknowledged.**

The meeting ended at 1.20 pm