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## **MINUTES**

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| Meeting:               | <b>National Park Authority</b>   |
| Date:                  | Friday 6 September 2019 at 10.00 am  |
| Venue:                 | The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell  |
| Chair:                 | Cllr A McCloy  |
| Present:               | Cllr D Chapman, Mr J W Berresford, Cllr P Brady, Cllr M Chaplin, Cllr C Furness, Cllr A Gregory, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr A Hart, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr V Priestley, Mr K Smith, Cllr P Tapping, Cllr R Walker, Mrs C Waller, Cllr G D Wharmby, Ms Y Witter and Cllr B Woods |
| Apologies for absence: | Mr P Ancell, Cllr J Atkin, Cllr W Armitage, Cllr D Birkinshaw, Cllr C Farrell, Dr J Haddock-Fraser, Cllr I Huddleston, Cllr B Lewis and Miss L Slack.  |

### **48/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 5 JULY AND 19 JULY 2019**

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 5 July and 19 July 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **49/19 URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items.

### **50/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present to speak.

### **51/19 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **52/19 AUTHORITY CHAIR UPDATE**

The Chair gave the following updates:

- Following the last meeting of the Authority the Chair and Chief Executive had met with the Chair and Chief Executive of Friends of the Peak District. This was one of their regular meetings at which both organisations focused on looking forward and partnership working.

- During the last week the Chair and Chief Executive have met with the Chief Executive, Leader and Deputy Leader of Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC). This was one of their regular meetings but was the first since Cllr Purdy had become Leader of DDDC although he was known to the Chair as he had previously been a Member of the Authority. The main focus of the discussion was climate change and affordable housing.
- The Chair provided Members with an update on the planned Member social event to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passing of the act of Parliament to create National Parks.

Cllr Andrew Gregory joined the meeting at 10.10

**53/19 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

The Chief Executive had provided a written update.

**RESOLVED:**

**To note the report.**

**54/19 WARSLOW MOORS ESTATE - COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP SCHEME - CAPITAL WORKS GRANT OFFER FROM NATURAL ENGLAND TO 'RE-WET' SWALLOWMOSS MOORS**

The Rural Property Development Manager confirmed that Members would be visiting Warslow Moors as part of the Member's Tour on 20 September 2019 and would have an opportunity to see the area covered by the report. One of the Authority's Ecologist was present to answer questions.

The Rural Property Development Manager introduced the report with a short presentation about the estate to provide new Members with background to the Authority owned property and highlighted the Authority's responsibilities linked to Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

The funding outlined in the report had become available unexpectedly and this meant tight deadlines for providing the required information to Natural England.

Members congratulated Officers for the work on this project and the well- presented presentation.

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

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To complete a Countryside Stewardship agreement with Natural England and accept an offer of capital grant aid of up to £350,000 for the work described in the report.**
- 2. That the Authority may, subject to compliance with procurement standing orders, enter into contracts for the delivery of the work.**

**55/19 2019/20 QUARTER 1 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT (A91941/HW)**

The Senior Strategy Officer – Research, introduced the Corporate Performance Report which, due to the recent changes to the Authority committee structure, was now being reported to the Authority instead of the Audit, Resource and Performance Committee which no longer existed.

The report provided monitoring information for the first Quarter of the new Corporate Strategy which ran from April 2019 to March 2024. A review of the presentation of the information had been carried out and Officers were happy to receive further feedback from Members.

The Director of Corporate Strategy & Development agreed to arrange a session for Members regarding finance and noted the need for more information on the table on page 73 of Appendix 1 of the report.

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

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Q1 performance report, given in Appendix 1, was reviewed and any actions to address issues agreed.
2. That the Q1 corporate risk register given in Appendix 2 was reviewed and status of risks accepted.
3. That the status of complaints, Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations requests, given in Appendix 3, was noted.
4. That any additional feedback regarding the new structure of the performance report (Appendix 1) would be sent to the report author by 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**56/19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER 2018/19**

The report was introduced by the Head of Law who confirmed that quarterly reports on complaints during 2018/19 were considered by Audit, Resources and Performance Committee and lessons learnt from upheld complaints had led to process changes to ensure similar issues were not repeated in future.

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

**RESOLVED:**

1. The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman annual review letter 2018/9 at Appendix 1 of the report was noted.

The meeting ended at 11.15 am