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NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: **National Park Authority**

Date: **Friday 24 July 2020**

Time: **10.00 am**

Venue: **Virtual Meeting**

(Joining instructions will be sent to Authority Members separately)

SARAH FOWLER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Chair's Announcements**
3. **Urgent Business**
4. **Public Participation**
To note any questions or to receive any statements, representations, deputations and petitions which relate to the published reports on Part A of the Agenda.
5. **Members Declarations of Interest**
Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interests they may have in relation to items on the agenda for this meeting.
6. **Chief Executive's Report (SLF)** *(Pages 5 - 6)* 10 mins
7. **Internal Audit 2020/21 Annual Plan (A1362/7/DH)** *(Pages 7 - 12)* 15 mins
Appendix 1
8. **National Park Management Plan Annual Monitoring Report 2019/20 (MM)** 45 mins
(Pages 13 - 54)
Appendix 1

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To: Members of National Park Authority:

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Vice Chair: Mr J W Berresford

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Cllr C McLaren	Cllr Mrs K Potter
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6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT (SLF)

1. Purpose of the report

To up-date members of key items since the previous Authority meeting

2. Recommendation

1. For members to note the report

3. Key Items

COVID-19 response

Our messaging with partners focuses on the Peak District being both a safe home for residents and offering a safe welcome for visitors so we can all be #PeakDistrictProud.

We are asking visitors to the National Park to “know before you go” and plan ahead. Please see here for our latest advice [Visiting the Peak District during Covid-19 - your easy guide: Peak District National Park](#) and for my latest statement [A word from our chief executive, Sarah Fowler: Peak District National Park](#)

Our visitor centres, bike hire, car parks and toilets are all open as is our North Lees campsite. They are all operating slightly differently that previously as we work to meet the latest government's Covid-19 guidance

English National Parks Experience Collection (ENPEC) – application to Year 5 Discover England Fund

On 17 January 2020, following approval by the Programme and Resources Committee, we submitted an application, on behalf of the other participating National Park Authorities, for £250k of funding to Visit England to embed, amplify and secure a legacy for the English National Park Experience Collection. COVID-19 meant that VisitEngland were unable to complete this application process.

With the latest intelligence that the domestic market is likely to recover first from COVID-19, on 26 June 2020 we were offered the opportunity to resubmit our application to incorporate some changes that reflect the new landscape – in particular, the up-weighting of domestic activity to aid the recovery of your tourism products and for a smaller total pot. As a large-scale project, we were invited to bid for up to £175k.

In consultation with the sustainable tourism officers across the nine participating National Park Authorities, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law, we re-submitted an amended application for £175k on 10 July 2020. Our bid shifted its focus towards domestic tourism, offering a business to consumer offer and seeking opportunities for sustainable tourism – all of which were areas the Programme and Resources Committee asked us to focus on. We await to hear the outcome of this application.

Report Author, Job Title and Publication Date

Sarah Fowler, Chief Executive, 15 July 2020

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7. **INTERNAL AUDIT 2020/21 ANNUAL PLAN (A1362/7/DH)**

Purpose of the report

1. This report asks Members` to approve the proposed Internal Audit Plan for 2020/21.

Key issues include:

- **The purpose of the Internal Audit Plan is to provide the Head of Internal Audit with sufficient evidence to give an opinion on the effectiveness of risk management, governance and internal control across the full range of activities of the organisation.**

Recommendations

2. 1. **That the 2020/21 Internal Audit Plan be approved.**

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

3. The work of the Internal Auditors is a key part of our governance arrangements and helps us to monitor and improve performance to ensure the Authority has a solid foundation supporting achievement of our outcomes, as set out in the Corporate Strategy, by making sure the Authority is an agile and efficient organisation.

Background

4. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require that the Authority undertakes an adequate and effective system of internal audit of its accounting records and its system of internal control in accordance with proper practices. Our Internal Audit Provider is Veritau Ltd and the Assistant Director – Audit Assurance is Ian Morton.

Proposals

5. Members are asked to consider and approve the Internal Audit 2020/21 Audit Plan.

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

6. **Financial:**

The cost of the Internal Audit contract is found from within the overall Finance budget.

7. **Risk Management:**

The Internal Audit process is regarded as an important part of the overall internal controls operated by the Authority.

8. **Sustainability:**

There are no implications to identify.

9. **Background papers** (not previously published) – None

Appendices -

Appendix 1: Internal Audit Annual Audit Plan 2020/21

Report Author, Job Title and Publication Date

David Hickman, Director of Corporate Strategy and Development, 16 July 2020

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Peak District National Park Authority

Internal Audit Plan 2020/21

Assistant Director-

Audit Assurance:

Head of Internal Audit:

Ian Morton

Max Thomas

Circulation List:

Members of National Park Authority

Director of Corporate Strategy and Development

Head of Finance

Date:

24 July 2020



Introduction

- 1 This document sets out the planned 2020/21 programme of work for internal audit, provided by Veritau for the Peak District National Park Authority.
- 2 The work of internal audit is governed by the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards. In accordance with those standards, the Head of Internal Audit is required to provide an annual internal audit opinion to the Authority based on an objective assessment of the framework of governance, risk management and control.
- 3 The internal audit plan has been prepared on the basis of a risk assessment and takes into account the changes in the risk profile for the Authority as a result of the Covid - 19 pandemic. This is intended to ensure limited audit resources are prioritised towards those systems which are considered to be the most risky and/or which contribute the most to the achievement of the Authority's priorities and objectives. The content of the internal audit plan has been subject to consultation with the Director of Corporate Strategy and Development and other senior officers.
- 4 The internal audit plan is submitted for formal approval by the National Park Authority who are responsible for monitoring progress against the plan and overseeing the work of internal audit. Changes to the plan will be agreed with the Director of Corporate Strategy and Development or Head of Finance (as appropriate) and will be notified to National Park Authority meetings. We will provide regular updates on the scope and findings of our work to the National Park Authority throughout 2020/21 .
- 5 The plan is based on a total number of 35 days.

2020/21 Audit Plan

- 6 The plan includes the following:
 - **Strategic risks:** this work involves reviewing areas highlighted as specific risks in the Authority's corporate risk register.
 - **Financial systems:** to provide assurance on the key areas of financial risk. This work will help provide assurance that the controls for the key financial systems are adequate and effective. The work will also support the work of the external auditors.
 - **Regularity / Operational audits:** this work will cover a number of the Authority's operational systems and areas.
 - **Technical / Projects:** to provide assurance on specific processes or key projects.
 - **Client support, advice and follow up:** this is an allocation of time to support the delivery of the plan and provide assurance on ad-hoc matters.
- 7 Details of the 2020/21 plan are set out in Appendix A

Draft Internal Audit Plan for 2020/21

Current best practice suggests detailed audit plans should only cover a single year. This reflects the need for plans to adapt to changing priorities and new or emerging risks. The proposed plan for 2020/21 is shown in the table below. Normally the plan includes a schedule identifying the planned dates for specific audits. Due to current uncertainties at present we will need to be flexible in the arrangements to deliver the plan and therefore no schedule is included at this stage

Audit Area	Notes	Days
Creditors	A review of the system for processing payments to creditors. The audit will particularly review those areas of the process that have changed due to remote working	5
Payroll/Furlough	A review of the payroll system. The audit will particularly review those areas of the process that have changed due to remote working and claims for funding for furloughed staff	5
Information Governance	A review of the process in place to comply with data management legislation, including the maintenance of good data protection practices following the increase in homeworking	4
Budget management/Covid consequences	The audit will review budget management procedures and the processes in place to effectively manage the financial consequences of the Covid pandemic	5
Vehicles	A review of processes in place to manage vehicles and equipment, including security of assets, usage, and fuel and maintenance costs	5
IT	A review of IT processes following the change in delivery model and a review of systems security processes	6
Management (including follow up)	Liaison with management and the external auditors, provision of advice, and attendance at National Park Authority Meetings. The allocation includes time to follow up of agreed actions from the previous year.	5
Total		35

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8. NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2019/20 (MM)

1. Purpose of the report

This report provides Members with monitoring information for the end of the second year of the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23. It also includes the annual updates to the Delivery Plan to be implemented from 2020/21 onwards.

Key Issues

- Section 66 of 1995 Environment Act requires National Park Authorities to produce and update a National Park Management Plan every 5 years.
- At the end of our second year (2019/20) of the National Park Management Plan, an annual monitoring report has been produced, which forms appendix 1 to this report. This provides a more detailed update on all sections of the Management Plan referred to in this committee report.
- Progress has been made against most of the intentions identified in the National Park Management Plan, with 23 delivery actions being shown as 'green', which is on schedule, on the quarterly performance table. Two actions are shown as 'red', as the delivery actions have not been achieved and a further three actions rated amber due to risks arising which may delay their delivery.

The two actions rated as red are both under Intention 3.1 and detailed as follows:

Intention 3.1: Establish monitoring at a landscape scale. We will have agreed and established a system of monitoring at a landscape scale encompassing landscape, wildlife and cultural heritage.

Targets: Establish the objectives of monitoring in 2018. This was delayed due to difficulties agreeing the scope and objectives of the project. The revised timescale for completion of the methodology has now been extended to the end of 20/21.

Target: Produce a robust methodology for monitoring in 2019.

Following delays agreeing the scope and objectives of the project, its time scale has been extended with an expectation that this is now completed in 2020/21.

A further three actions have been recorded as amber. Two of these relate to moorland birds under Intention 2.2: Ensure that the management of upland moors delivers environmental, social & economic benefits. The third amber target relates to Intention 3.3: Maintain existing landscape scale delivery.

The amber ratings refer to concerns about future progress of ongoing programmes and not just an impact to delivery in 2019/20. Further details are given under paragraph 5 progress reporting.

- Following the Climate Change Summit held on 15th October 2019, additional actions and targets have been added to an updated version of the Delivery Plan section of the National Park Management Plan. These can be viewed in appendix 3 of this report and relate to sustainable transport and land management.

2. Recommendations

1. **That Members approve the National Park Management Plan Annual Monitoring Report 2019/20.**
2. **That Members note the addition of actions relating to climate change as part of the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23 delivery plan.**
- 3 **That any necessary changes to the proposed wording of the Annual Monitoring Report or to the additional targets for the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23 delivery plan be delegated to the Chief Executive.**

3. How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

Requirement to produce and update the National Park Management Plan

Section 66 of 1995 Environment Act requires National Park Authorities to produce a National Park Management Plan which 'formulates policy for the management of the relevant Park and for the carrying out of its functions in relation to that Park' and should reflect national park purposes. This should be updated at least every 5 years.

The UK Government vision and circular 2010 for the English National Parks and the Broads states that 'Park Management Plans are the over-arching strategic document for the Parks and set the vision and objectives which will guide the future of the Park over the next 10 to 20 years. The Park Management Plans are for the Parks and not just the Authorities. They should be supported by clear strategies with evidence of significant 'buy-in' from key partners and stakeholders, including communities, land owners and land managers. The Government expects public agencies and authorities active within or bordering a Park to cooperate in the development of the Park Management Plan and the achievement of the Management Plan objectives.'

This means the National Park Management Plan is not a plan for the work of the National Park Authority, or of any one organisation, but about what can be achieved by everyone with an interest in the National Park and its future. The plan is therefore a partnership plan reflecting ambitions across the whole National Park and reflects the input of numerous organisations.

Specifically relating to climate change the 2010 circular states; National Park Authorities should spread important messages about the impacts of climate change and how individuals, especially visitors, can play their part in tackling it in ways which motivate lifelong behaviour change. The Authorities have a role as exemplars of sustainability in enabling the natural environment to adapt to predicted changes. The Parks themselves will be threatened by climate change and the Authorities must ensure that they protect the public assets which the Parks represent. The management of the Parks can play a key role in the fight against climate change and in leading others by demonstrating best practice.

Through Our Corporate Strategy 2019-24, the National Park Authority delivers its contribution to the National Park Management Plan.

4. Background

The Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23 was adopted by the Authority at its meeting on the 25th May 2018 (minute reference 21/18).

The plan focuses on six areas of impact:

- 1: Preparing for a future climate
- 2: Ensuring a future for farming and land management
- 3: Managing landscape conservation on a big scale
- 4: A National Park for everyone
- 5: Encouraging enjoyment with understanding
- 6: Supporting thriving and sustainable communities and economy

The Areas of Impact are further broken down into 15 Intentions. 5 of the 15 Intentions were scheduled to achieve specific actions in year 2 of the plan 2019-20, which are as follows.

Intention 2.1: Secure funding for future land management to benefit all. Action: Describe a future support system for the Peak District National Park, which will deliver a full range of public goods, using the White peak as an example.

Intention 2.2: Ensure that the management of upland moors delivers environmental, social & economic benefits. Action: To review the work of the Bird of Prey initiative and implement effective measures to address bird of prey issues 2019

Intention 3.1: Establish monitoring at a landscape scale. Action: Produce a robust methodology for monitoring in 2019.

Intention 5.3: Develop an awareness and understanding of the benefits of the Peak District National Park. Action: Utilising the valuable work of Inspired by the peak District and the Peak District Environmental Quality Mark, consider a revised approach to the promotion of the Peak District brand so we establish a provenance which is coherent and effective at promoting the link between business development, the special qualities and the unique offer of the Peak District National Park. Milestone: Convene a group to explore potential by the end of 2019.

Intention 6.3: Enable local businesses to thrive in a way that is compatible and wherever possible enhances the special qualities of the Peak District National Park
Action: Assist the development of businesses in conjunction with relevant bodies. Linking business support, grant aid, planning and economic development. Convene a group to explore potential by the end of 2019 and take forward action.

Where the traffic light system for the assessment of performance is used, it indicates the following :

- Green – the delivery action was achieved or is on schedule to be achieved in the future.
- Amber – the delivery action is at risk of not being achieved on schedule.
- Red – the delivery action was not achieved.

Not all the delivery actions have specific targets for delivery in this year of the management plan, however where useful progress has been made it is still included in the quarterly updates for information and to monitor long term progress. A table listing

the progress status of all the actions in the Management Plan is included in appendix 2.

After a series of advisory statements about the need for social distancing and avoiding none essential travel; the Covid19 restrictions came into force on Friday 20th March with further restrictions imposed on Monday 23rd March. At the time of writing this report the lifting of these restrictions is still not complete. Though the impact during 2019/20 was relatively limited the long term impact of these restrictions is still not fully understood. Therefore it is appreciated that the new actions and targets proposed in this report are being brought forward in a context of heightened uncertainty.

5. Proposals

That Members approve the annual monitoring plan 2019/20 and note the addition of actions relating to climate change as part of the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23.

Progress reporting

Progress has been made against most of the intentions identified for the second year of the National Park Management Plan with 23 delivery actions being shown as 'green' on the performance table. Two actions are shown as red, as the delivery action was not achieved and a further three actions rated amber due to risks arising which may delay their delivery.

The two actions rated as red are both under Intention 3.1 and detailed as follows:

Intention 3.1: Establish monitoring at a landscape scale. We will have agreed and established a system of monitoring at a landscape scale encompassing landscape, wildlife and cultural heritage.

Targets: Establish the objectives of monitoring in 2018. This was delayed due to difficulties agreeing the scope and objectives of the project. The need for new thinking together with the impact of new considerations has resulted in more time being required than originally anticipated. The availability of staff both internal and from partners is also an issue particularly with the impact of Covid-19. The revise timescale for completion of the methodology have now been extended to the end of 20/21.

Target: Produce a robust methodology for monitoring in 2019. Following delays agreeing the scope and objectives of the project, its time scale has been extended with an expectation that this is now completed in 2020/21.

A further three actions have been recorded as amber. Two of these relate to moorland birds under Intention 2.2: Ensure that the management of upland moors delivers environmental, social & economic benefits.

The results from the 2018 bird survey to confirm population trends have been suspended pending an investigation into potential recording errors.

Regarding the target to review the work of the Bird of Prey initiative and implement effective measures to address bird of prey issues in 2019. Early indications show good goshawk success, a reduction in wildlife crimes & improving relationships between raptor group workers & gamekeepers. However, the target of reaching the 1990 levels of breeding success are not yet being achieved and Covid19 restrictions have impacted on the ability of the raptor volunteers to carry out monitoring during the breeding season.

The third amber target relates to Intention 3.3: Maintain existing landscape scale delivery. Moors for the Future Partnership were forced to end their delivery programme three weeks earlier than anticipated to comply with the restrictions. This has had consequences for completion on some sites. A resource impact is also expected as some spoiling of stored material may take place. However this only prevented a small proportion of expected delivery in 2019/20 which was otherwise a highly productive year for the Partnership.

Additional Actions

In response to Area of Impact 1: Preparing for a future climate, a partners' climate change summit was successfully delivered on the 15th October, with the objective of:

1. Reflected on and reinforced the need to work towards Net Zero Carbon by 2050;
2. Better understanding the current emissions sources produced by the Peak District National Park;
3. Gaining expert insights around the topics of land management and sustainable transport;
4. Identified the actions we can take which will offer the greatest contribution towards our national emission reduction targets;
5. Hearing from local leaders on their commitments to move from words to action

The outcome of the summit was reported to the Programmes and Resources Committee on the 6th Dec 2019 (minute reference 19/13) and the Advisory Group on the 23rd January 2020, and subsequently developed in to new targets with the benefit of partner input. These proposed new targets were then subject to a period of internal and partner consultation before being agreed with the Chair of the Advisory Group on the 23rd April 2020. The new targets are included in the updated Delivery Plan which is attached to this report as Appendix 3.

Final wording of the Annual Monitoring Report and additional actions for the delivery plan have been delegated to the Chief Executive to agree to enable any Advisory Group comments to be accommodated.

These actions will be added to the National Park Management Plan – Delivery Plan and monitored through the Advisory Group.

The attached Appendix 1 presents the Peak District National Park Management Plan Annual Monitoring Report 2019-20. This summarises progress for the year against each of the intentions.

6. Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

Financial:

The delivery plan elements of the NPMP that the Authority is responsible for will be funded through the usual delivery plan mechanisms.

Risk Management:

The greatest risk to the delivery of the NPMP is ensuring that there is support from partners and stakeholders, especially the elements of the delivery plan where their contributions are essential. This risk has been mitigated by liaison with partners and stakeholders throughout the delivery of the NPMP and monitored by the Advisory Group.

Please note that the National Park Authority is the Sponsoring Partner in 18 of the 28 delivery actions. Therefore ten of the delivery actions are led by external bodies and all of the delivery actions require the cooperation of multiple partners to be successful.

Sustainability:

National Park Management Plans are subject to the EU Directive on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) which is delivered via a Sustainability Appraisal (SA), and are also subject to the Habitats Regulation and require a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA). The SA and HRA were undertaken prior to the adoption of the NPMP.

7. Background papers (not previously published)

None

Appendices

1. Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23 Annual Monitoring Report 2019/20
2. Peak District National Park Management Plan Actions Table April 2020
3. Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23 Updated Delivery Plan 2020/21

Report Author

Matt Mardling, Senior Strategy Officer, 16 July 2020

Peak District National Park Management Plan Annual Monitoring Report 2019-20

Foreword

The second year's delivery of the 2018-23 Peak District National Park Management Plan has been highly eventful. The pressures placed on farmers and local communities due to flood water and wildfires, in turn have been over taken by the singular priority of responding to Covid 19 with radical measures to protect the population from the spread of the disease.

Despite being over-shadowed by events I feel it is still important to recognise the hard work and endeavour of all who care for the National Park and draw attention to their achievements. The Management Plan was built on a new approach and I feel confident in saying that it is starting to provide results.

The Moors for the Future Partnership continues to deliver excellent results. This has been one of the busiest years for moorland restoration with 1024 Ha of sphagnum planted, 5300 gully blocks installed, 108 Ha of invasive species controlled and 27 Ha of bare peat restored. Alongside the practical work, scientific monitoring has continued apace with over 600 quadrats surveyed and water table measurements taken at 1000 locations producing 11,000 individual readings to build our understanding of the valuable moorland habitat.

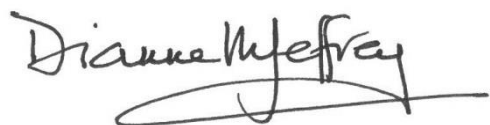
I would also like to cautiously welcome the first signs of improvement from our upland birds. Survey work has recorded good progress with some birds of prey species, a reduction in wildlife crime and improving relationships between raptor groups and game keepers. However there is still some way to go to restore breeding birds to the levels seen in the 1990s showing how important it is that we continue to support this areas of work.

Our work to support a future for farming is progressing. The White Peak has been selected as part of DEFRA's tests and trials programme to develop the new Environmental Land Management Scheme which will fund farmers and land managers after our departure from the European Union. This raises the prospect of being able to tailor future funding arrangements to best suit local needs.

We are maintaining our focus on encouraging enjoyment with understanding. There is a new system for recording and advertising public events which provides a clear opportunity for event organisers to make their events as successful and compatible with the place as possible. Plus a promotional drive to breathe new life into the countryside code via the #PeakDistrictProud initiative and I would encourage you all to support this via your own local networks.

The following pages provide more detail on our progress in 2019/20 delivery of the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23. Please feel proud of what we have achieved so far and consider how you may continue to support delivering these intentions in the future.

Yours sincerely



Dianne Jeffrey
Independent Chair of the Peak District National Park Management Plan Advisory Group

Introduction

The National Park Management Plan provides the framework that encourages everyone to work together to achieve national park purposes. It is not a plan for an individual organisation or group but a plan for the place. It is, therefore, a partnership plan. It is the single most important strategic document for the Peak District National Park. It shares with everyone what the main issues and priorities are. It then sets out how, together, we are going to tackle those issues over the next five years.

Since 2007 the National Park Management Plan has been overseen by an Advisory Group of partners who have monitored delivery and provided advice to the organisations involved. The group contains representatives from the following organisations:

Business Peak District
Derbyshire County Council
Environment Agency
Farmers & Land Managers Forum
Friends of the Peak District
Historic England
Local Access Forum
Local Nature Partnership
National Park Authority
National Trust
Natural England
Peak Park Parishes Forum
Rural Action Derbyshire
Sheffield City Council
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
Experience Peak District and Derbyshire

The management plan is organised around six main themes known as Areas of Impact, which are in turn broken down into a series of intentions.

Areas of Impact

- 1: Preparing for a future climate
- 2: Ensuring a future for farming and land management
- 3: Managing landscape conservation on a big scale
- 4: A National Park for everyone
- 5: Encouraging enjoyment with understanding
- 6: Supporting thriving and sustainable communities and economy

Area of Impact 1: Preparing for a future climate

Intention 1.1: Reduce the effects of climate change on the special qualities

To reduce the effects of climate change on the special qualities, we will know which special qualities are most affected by climate change, and focus action on reducing these impacts. We will undertake a climate change vulnerability assessment on the special qualities of the National Park & produce a mitigation/adaptation plan setting out priority actions.

Update

We have completed the technical analysis for the vulnerability assessment on the priority 25% of National Park features that make up the special qualities. The assessment has looked at the most up-to-date climate projections (UKCP18) and reviewed all available scientific research on the sensitivity, exposure and the adaptive capacity of each feature in the context of predicted climate trends. This approach has used likely trends and processes to assign an overall score for the vulnerability of each feature. We are now using the feature assessments to determine the National Park special qualities vulnerability to climate change. Then the report will be finalised prior to publication next year.

To expand our actions to address climate change a summit took place on October 15th 2019 at the Pavilion Arts Centre, Buxton. The summit focussed on transport and agriculture / land management, as with the exception of Hope Cement works, these are the largest emitters of greenhouse gases in the National Park. The cement works were excluded from the summit, as mechanisms to reduce those emissions do not involve a partnership approach. A total of 94 delegates attended from potential partner organisations with the ability to support initiatives to reduce the impacts of climate change. The outcome of the summit resulted in two new areas of action being included in the Delivery Plan linked to sustainable transport and land management.

Future Actions:

- Identify mitigation actions & priorities 2020-2021.
- Establish / determine delivery partnership 2021.
- Start implementing mitigation / adaptation plan

Area of Impact 2: Ensuring a future for farming and land management

Intention 2.1: Secure funding for future land management to benefit all

To secure funding for future land management to benefit all, we will seek to create an ideal future farming and land management payment scheme in the Peak District National Park which helps to conserve and enhance the special qualities.

Update

The Defra contract for the delivery of the White Peak ELMS Phase 1 Test has been signed. This focuses on testing whether the National Character Area assessment can be used as a way of prioritising the public goods to be delivered under the new Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMs) and how farmers and land managers can develop land management plans to deliver those public goods.

Farmer and land manager engagement has taken place via two group and seven one to one engagements. These included pre and post engagement questionnaires, the use of the full White Peak National Character Area (NCA) assessment and NCA summary and the new Carbon Ready Reckoner. The remaining group event and further one to ones are now delayed due to coronavirus but in the meantime National Park farm advisers are exploring how effective it is to carry out one to ones by phone and or video link. The early findings of this exercise show limited knowledge of public goods, an appreciation of the description of the White Peak in the NCA, recognition of the need for trusted advisers and specialist support, the importance of wildlife, cultural heritage and the need to generate public understanding and support.

The Environmental Land Management scheme policy consultation was launched in quarter 4 of 2019/20 with a deadline for responses of the 5 May 2020. The consultation has been paused due to Covid 19 but a revised deadline for consultation responses is not yet known.

Future Actions:

To have a new support package available from 2023.

Note: The new Agriculture Bill and policy statement provides a planned timescale of 2025 to have new environmental land management arrangements in place

Intention 2.2: Ensure that the management of upland moors delivers environmental, social & economic benefits

To ensure that the management of upland moors delivers environmental, social & economic benefits; we will seek to restore populations of birds of prey to at least the levels present in the late 1990s, with the addition of hen harrier as a regularly successful breeding species.

Focusing on:

1. Fire risk
2. Visitor engagement
3. Resilient sustainable moorland
4. Moorland birds

Regular monitoring of progress against these areas of focus is carried out in partnership between Natural England, the Moorland Association and the National Park Authority. There is also an annual up-date on progress and agreement on the focus for the future year's activity with moorland owners, agents and keepers.

Update

Fire Operations Group

The fire risk map has been updated using the latest data. This has shown a significant change in the risk analysis, as it places less risk on access routes which were found to be the main risk area on the previous assessment. It now also identifies the risk areas on the urban edge of the moors, with some clear high risk areas which have unfortunately proved to be correct with the most recent fire events.

Following on from the wettest February on record were a worrying number of spring fires which extended into the Covid19 lockdown period. Plans have been put in place to increase resilience in the face of greater fire risk under changing climate condition. Resources are being made available in Calderdale and other local authority areas across the South Pennines, and Dark Peak will hopefully follow. This will include rolling out the new fire risk mapping (now available for the Dark Peak) across the wider South Pennines. It will also look at improving both resilience and

response to the issue of fire across the landscape. The Fire service requested a cease to management burning in the current Covid19 lockdown.

Access and Engagement

This is mostly being addressed through the #PeakDistrictProud campaign. More details on which can be found under Intention 5.1

Sustainable Moorland Management Group

The number of Long Term Management Plans signed up to by landowners in the National Park now stands at ten, with one more close to signing and three others in progress. Work on these is on hold until such time as Natural England can meet with the site owners and also get back out on site safely to assess each case. These plans are Natural England's main vehicle for agreeing the objectives of management on protected uplands.

The Secretary of State has written to moorland owners to inform them that legislation on moorland burning will be forthcoming later this year. Natural England have agreed with the Moorland Association that their Position Statement on not allowing the burning of heather on blanket bog will stand. However they will take any new, independently verified research into consideration around burning heather as a management tool in the future.

The Infrastructure and Planning events that were meant to be held in March have been postponed with an intention of rescheduling them in August or September 2020.

Moorland Birds

There is the first signs of improvement from our upland birds. Survey work has recorded good progress with some birds of prey species, a reduction in wildlife crime and improving relationships between raptor groups and game keepers. However there is still some way to go to restore breeding birds to the levels seen in the 1990s. The lock down is currently impacting on the ability of the raptor volunteers to carry out monitoring at the start of the bird nesting season. The Moorland Bird Survey report is being reviewed at present to ensure the data, results and conclusions are sound. It will be published as soon as that work is complete.

Area of Impact 3: Managing landscape conservation on a big scale

Intention 3.1: Establish monitoring at a landscape scale

We want to work with partners to help us to understand how and why the landscape is changing, whether changes are positive or not and how we should address the changes to conserve and enhance the Special Qualities of the Peak District National Park.

Update

To start this process, we have begun by identifying a programme of research to help us assess how the Peak District landscape is changing in a meaningful and practical way. Landscape incorporates many components; this means that a single project or indicator cannot explain landscape change. The programme of research we have selected aims to broadly measure change across the following themes;

- Land Cover (including long term change) – *what is happening on the ground?*
- Landscape Quality – *what are the features and factors impacting positively and negatively on the landscape?*

- Public Perception – *how people feel and respond to change?*
- Built Development – *extent and visual influence and impact?*
- Recording areas of known change e.g. *what impact have our restoration activities had; what do we know about the impact of moorland fires?*
- Climate Change – *What are the vulnerabilities and adaptive capacity of National Park features?*
- Landscape metrics – *how do data and Environment Plan indicators contribute to environmental and landscape change?*

These themes will be measured by a series of research projects that will be brought together in a Landscape Assessment every 5 years that will feed in to the National Park Management Plan, National Park Authority Corporate Strategy, the Local Plan and national policy.

Intention 3.2: Develop a White Peak partnership

The White Peak Partnership is working through task and finish groups on key areas for development. The White Peak Pilot Ideas proposal has been accepted for phase 1 of Defra's Tests and Trials for the new Environmental Land Management scheme and this has remained their key area of focus throughout the year.

Defra have asked us and the other proposals to look at certain key policy questions. The White Peak Project will test:

- Use of a National Character Area framework to deliver public goods and the 25 Year Environment Plan in language accessible to land managers.
- Development of a 'ready reckoner' to show the public goods being delivered e.g. carbon.
- Trial of a nature recovery network.

The partnerships success has been key to the delivery of Intention 2.1 securing funding for future land management for the benefit of all, and further information is provided under than section.

Intention 3.3: Maintain existing landscape scale delivery

To maintain existing landscape scale delivery we will develop a clear long term vision, plan and have funding in place for the Dark Peak and South Pennines to 2050. We will develop a clear future plan and funding to develop and continue landscape scale delivery on the South West Peak.

This has been one of Moors for the Future's most productive years with 5200 bags of brash cut transported and spread to help stabilise the ground, 5300 gully blocks installed to raise the water table and slow erosion, 1024 Ha of sphagnum moss planted to restart the creation of new peat, 27 Ha of bare peat revegetated and 108 Ha of invasive rhododendron plants removed.

The summer vegetation campaign was completed again this year which has been providing data since 2003. Over 600 quadrats have been visited to provide a vital record of species and each quadrat is also photographed to help long term interpretation. With this information we able to monitor the progress in halting the decline of nature across the blanket bog landscape. The autumn water table campaign was completed with over 1,000 manual dip wells visited each week, producing approximately 11,000 measurements during the period.

Natural England have agreed to support Moors for the Future in the development of an environmental features map. This will help to show physical land management delivery

completed to date to help demonstrate the amount of good restoration work that has already taken place in the Peak District National Park.

Asset Management Plan 7 (AMP7) arrangements with Severn Trent Water are now approaching the delivery phase. Discussions are still underway with two other water utilities. These plans identify the water industries investment over a five year period and are linked to their charges for water by the regulator Ofwat.

Planning is also underway to work with other partnerships across the North of England linking the whole blanket bog landscape between Sheffield and Scotland in a project known as the Great North Bog.

Future Actions:

Agreed targets for the percentage of blanket bog in the Dark Peak and South Pennines in improved ecological condition:

- 30% of Blanket Bog across the Southern Pennines to be in state 6 by 2050
- 90% of Dark Peak Blanket Bog moved out of state 2 by 2023 (bare peat to be revegetated)
- 25% of the Southern Pennine Blanket bogs to be moved out of state 2 by 2023

Area of Impact 4: A National Park for everyone

Intention 4.1 and 4.2 Overcome physical and perceived barriers to access

By 2023 we will be encouraging a wider range of people to enjoy the Peak District National Park at an appropriate scale and adding value to the visitor economy.

Update

A Peak District State of Tourism Report 2019 has been produced. This consolidates information on volume and value, the market, the destination, impacts and issues.

We are working with other English National Parks partners on a proposition for Phase 2 of the 'English National Parks Experience', this time focusing on the 'final mile', our domestic audience and sustainable transport. A funding bid has been submitted but the decision is delayed by Covid19.

Area of Impact 5: Encouraging enjoyment with understanding

Intention 5.1: Balance opportunities for enjoyment with conserving a fragile environment

To balance opportunities for enjoyment with conserving a fragile environment we will provide a refreshed Countryside Code underpinning a Peak District brand which all relevant partners promote equally and consistently.

A Partner Workshop was held in summer 2019 as part of National Trust's Peoples Landscape Project to kick start our efforts to refresh the Countryside Code.

This workshop and the working group it fostered, identified the impact of visitor behaviour, the audience groups we need to work with, the key messages we would need to share, and the most effective methods to do this. The result was the #PeakDistrictProud campaign

#PeakDistrictProud shares the positive ways in which people can help care for the national park; from taking home your litter and avoiding BBQs, to keeping your dog a lead during periods of wildlife activity and the use of drones, among a range of other actions.

The campaign – using a series of montage images captured from throughout the history of the Peak District - builds upon the core messages of 'respect, protect and enjoy' found in the Countryside Code. The campaign took a deliberate step away from more traditional warning or advisory signage currently found in many outdoor locations.

Led by the Peak District National Park Authority and National Trust, the campaign has based its seasonal messages on workshops held with a wide range of national park communities including conservationists, landowners and managers, local user groups and young people.

For more information follow the following link: <https://peakdistrictproud.co.uk/>

Intention 5.2: Ensure shared responsibility

To ensure shared responsibility we will review and develop the current arrangements for events management in the Peak District.

The events notification system has been replaced with event guidance and a code of conduct for event organisers to sign up to. If they do this their events will be able to be added to a calendar and promoted on the National Park Authority website. Feedback from stakeholders about the new guidance and code of conduct has been very positive. Once things are back to normal, we will monitor this closely in its first year of operation and review performance at the end of the season.

Intention 5.3: Develop an awareness and understanding of the benefits of the Peak District National Park

Utilising the valuable work of Inspired by the Peak District and the Peak District Environmental Quality Mark, consider a revised approach to the promotion of the peak District brand so we establish a provenance which is coherent and effective at promoting the link between business development, the special qualities and the unique offer of the Peak District National Park.

A group was convened in 2019 to promoting the link between business development, the special qualities and the unique offer of the Peak District National Park. In a series of meetings discussions have taken place on how we can influence Local Industry with a focus on "Clean, green productivity linked to a high quality of life" and using "Positive planning powers; allied with a proactive enabling role from District Councils"

Area of Impact 6: Supporting thriving and sustainable communities and economy

Intention 6: Supporting thriving and sustainable communities and economy

To support thriving and sustainable communities and economy, we will first define what is meant by thriving and sustainable communities, in the context of the National Park Management Plan.

Work commenced to complete a village statement and audit for every parish by 2020, enabling a state of communities report to be drafted and an index of key indicators to be created as part of developing issues and options for a the new Local Plan. 93 Parish Statements have now been produced. In 60 cases the Parish Councils have chosen to engage closely with National Park Officers.

Discussion has taken place between the National Park Authority and the Peak Park Parishes Forum (PPPF) on separate pieces of work to define and better understand the concept of thriving and sustainable communities. PPPF have produced their own definition and National Park Authority officers welcomed a discussion in order to move towards a common definition,

Intention 6.1: Improve access to services

To improve access to services we will work with providers to improve broadband and mobile connectivity across the National Park in line with the UK's Next Generation Access (NGA) standards.

An interactive map of the current situation in Derbyshire is available via this link; [MAP](#) and Staffordshire via this link: [MAP](#). A meeting occurred with Digital Derbyshire in October to discuss the expansion of broadband. The coverage of the National Park is improving gradually, but still likely to have difficulties in the most isolated areas.

The roll-out of improved mobile coverage to more remote areas and upgrading to 4G is starting to show improvements in the parts of the National Park that were previously poorly covered such as Monyash.

There was a meeting in August between National Parks England and Mobile UK to review the roll-out in National Parks. The National Park Authority met with National Parks England and Mobile UK, the industry body, to discuss how to improve mobile coverage in national parks. The industry is seeking more deregulation and the Government is considering a scheme to encourage better coverage.

Intention 6.2: Support the provision of locally needed housing

To support the provision of locally needed housing we will work through the National Park Management Plan Advisory Group Housing Sub-Group to address the local need for appropriate housing in the National Park.

During the year 2019-20 there were applications approved for four new build affordable local needs houses. The Authority also approved two agricultural worker's dwellings and 56 additional open market houses.

National Park Officers have commenced a scoping phase on the required evidence for the next planning review and have also raised the need for shared strategic evidence with constituent authorities through duty to cooperate meetings in the hope that key pieces of work may be shared to assist cross boundary planning and make effective use of resources.

A new piece of research was completed into the potential for a Community Land Trusts in the National Park to aid in the provision of affordable housing. Looking into next year Officers will make arrangements for a parish and community event focussed on positive, innovative solutions to address housing needs in the context of the constraints and conservation aims of the National Park. Intended to bring together partners and encourage communities to come forward and take up the opportunity of joint working.

Intention 6.3: Enable local businesses to thrive in a way that is compatible and wherever possible enhances the special qualities of the Peak District National Park

To enable local businesses to thrive in a way that is compatible and, wherever possible, enhances the special qualities of the Peak District National Park, we will assist the development of businesses in conjunction with relevant bodies. Linking business support, grant aid, planning and economic development.

Business Peak District, High Peak Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council and Experience Peak District and Derbyshire and the Local Enterprise Partnership have continued to meet on a regular basis to progress this action.

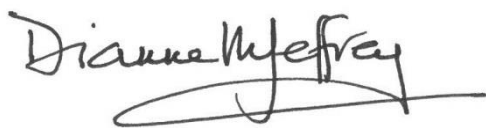
Looking Forward – A message from the Chair of the Advisory Group

With the dangers of Covid19 forcing the agenda and the path back to normality unclear it is a worrying time for all of us. I would like to thank everyone for doing their best under very challenging circumstances. With few exceptions, almost everyone has complied completely with the restrictions with good humour and no complaint. This time for reflection has reinforced in my mind the importance of our cherished landscapes to our health and mental wellbeing. Let us work to ensure that our National Parks can be an integral part of the National renewal that we all deserve once the outlook improves.

In the next full year of the Management Plan we intend to confront the impacts of climate change and measure our efforts against the scale of the task ahead. The services provided by the valuable landscapes of the National Park form an essential part of our ability to respond to climate change. We will push for greater peatland restoration, support regenerative agriculture and integrate more trees into the landscape.

As the current situation shows us so clearly, a National Park simply is not a National Park without visitors. To address their impacts we will seek to initiate an ambitious low carbon rural transport scheme which is both environmentally and economically sustainable. This will be one of our greatest tests and I am grateful for the support of partners in moving this forward.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Dianne Jeffrey'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dianne Jeffrey

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Appendix 2

Intention	Action	Milestones and Dates	Future Actions	RAG
Intention 1.1 (sponsoring partner): Reduce the effects of climate change on the special qualities	Undertake a climate change vulnerability assessment on the special qualities of the National park & produce a mitigation/adaptation plan setting out priority actions. Seek resources to implement priority actions.	Vulnerability assessment produced in 2020.	Identify mitigation actions & priorities 2020-2021. Establish / determine delivery partnership 2021. Start implementing mitigation/adaptation plan	
Intention 2.1 (sponsoring partner): Secure funding for future land management to benefit all	Describe a future support system for the Peak District National Park, which will deliver a full range of public goods, using the White peak as an example.	Develop an acceptable support package proposal by 2019/20.	To have a new support package available from 2024. <i>The new Agriculture Bill and policy statement provides a planned timescale of 2025 to have new environmental land management arrangements in place</i>	
Intention 2.2 (supporting partner): Ensure that the management of upland moors delivers environmental, social & economic benefits	That the proposals from the Moorland Working Group are implemented. These will focus on: 1. Fire risk 2. Visitor engagement 3. Resilient sustainable moorland 4. Moorland birds	Land Managers Forum sub group to be established to focus on resilient sustainable moorland (Sponsor NE).		
		Bird survey in 2018 to confirm population trends.		
		To review the work of the Bird of Prey initiative and implement effective measures to address bird of prey issues 2019		

Intention	Action	Milestones and Dates	Future Actions	RAG
Intention 3.1 (sponsoring partner): Establish monitoring at a landscape scale	We will have agreed and established a system of monitoring at a landscape scale encompassing landscape, wildlife and cultural heritage.	Establish the objectives of monitoring in 2018.		
		Produce a robust methodology for monitoring in 2019.		
Intention 3.2 (sponsoring partner): Develop a White Peak partnership	We will have a White peak Partnership that is delivering agreed priority actions.	To be set as work progresses through the partnership steering group and wider partners.		
Intention 3.3 (sponsoring partner): Maintain existing landscape scale delivery	Develop a clear long term vision, plan and have funding in place for the Dark Peak and South Pennines to 2050.	Undertake long-term monitoring to inform the plan.	<p>The percentage of blanket bog in the Dark Peak and South Pennines in improved ecological condition;</p> <p>30% of Blanket Bog across the Southern Pennines to be in state 6 by 2050</p> <p>90% of Dark Peak Blanket Bog moved out of state 2 by 2023, (bare peat to be revegetated)</p> <p>25% of the Southern Pennine Blanket bogs to be moved out of state 2 by 2023.</p>	
		Start planning for the water industry's Asset Management Plan 7 delivery in 2020-2025.		
Intention 3.3 continued.	Develop a clear future plan and funding to develop and continue landscape scale delivery on the South West Peak.	Put in place phase 2 arrangements for the partnership by end of December 2021.	Secure new sources of funding to further deliver on the agreed vision. Exploring legacy options for the SWP Partnership.	

Intention	Action	Milestones and Dates	Future Actions	RAG
Intention 4.1 (sponsoring partner): Overcome physical barriers to access	Create a programme to develop a sustainable visitor economy that encourages the Peak District National Park to be a welcoming place for all.	Consolidate the existing data about visitor behaviour and perceptions.		
		Develop a partnership approach to integrated visitor hubs/ gateways to embrace accessibility for all to the National Park whilst supporting responsible visiting and reducing impact of visitors.		
		Produce and adopt Recreation Hubs Supplementary Planning Document Adopted SPD 2020.		
		Develop a brand led approach to the promotion of the Peak District National Park linked to the development of a high quality sustainable tourism industry.		
Intention 4.2 (sponsoring partner): Overcome perceived barriers to access	A consistent message that all partners use that encourages more under represented groups to visit the National Park. To enable all marketing bodies to target the full potential audience and working within and in the local communities to encourage them to visit.	Establish baseline data on non-visitor profile by 2019.		
		Assess what we offer against the potential optimum demand and amend where sustainable	Set targets for the % increase in under-represented audience to be achieved by 2023.	
Intention 5.1 (sponsoring partner): Balance opportunities for enjoyment with conserving a fragile environment	As part of a reviewed brand refresh the countryside code in partnership that all partners promote and disseminate consistently and coherently.	Partner event to analyse issues to be dealt with by the code by 2019.		

Intention	Action	Milestones and Dates	Future Actions	RAG
Intention 5.2 (sponsoring partner): Ensure shared responsibility	Review and develop current arrangements for event management in the Peak District.	Convene partner meeting to discuss issues in 2018.		
		Review all the event management systems available		
		1. Improve Pre Event Communication. 2. Overhaul the events notification system to make it more effective and efficient. 3. Develop Peak District specific best practice guidelines to aid event's organisers. 4. Work with Natural England to improve the consents process. 5. Seek evidence of the extent of community and environmental impact within the National Park.		
Intention 5.3 (sponsoring partner): Develop an awareness and understanding of the benefits of the Peak District National Park	Utilising the valuable work of Inspired by the peak District and the Peak District Environmental Quality Mark, consider a revised approach to the promotion of the Peak District brand so we establish a provenance which is coherent and effective at promoting the link between business development, the special qualities and the unique offer of the Peak District National Park.	Convene a group to explore potential by the end of 2019.		

Intention	Action	Milestones and Dates	Future Actions	RAG
Intention 6: Supporting thriving and sustainable communities and economy	Define what is meant by thriving and sustainable communities, in the context of the National Park management Plan.	Definition produced and agreed by 2020		
Intention 6.1 (supporting partner): Improve access to services	Work with providers to improve broadband and mobile connectivity across the National Park in line with the UK's Next Generation Access (NGA) standards.	Obtain data on future predicted gaps in mobile and broadband provision.		
		Work with suppliers to find imaginative solutions for the final 5%. For example, community fibre partnerships.		
Intention 6.2 (sponsoring partner): Support the provision of locally needed housing	Work through the National Park Management Plan Advisory Group Housing Sub-Group to address the local need for appropriate housing in the National Park	Establish a new estimate of strategic housing need.		
		Define the opportunities for meeting affordable housing need through exception sites, brownfield and enhancement.		
Intention 6.3: Enable local businesses to thrive in a way that is compatible and wherever possible enhances the special qualities of the Peak District National Park	Assist the development of businesses in conjunction with relevant bodies. Linking business support, grant aid, planning and economic development.	Convene a group to explore potential by the end of 2019 and take forward action.		

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The Delivery Plan Updated 2020/21

The Management Plan outlined the areas of impact where we believe we can have the greatest impact. They are:

- 1: Preparing for a future climate
- 2: Ensuring a future for farming and land management
- 3: Managing landscape conservation on a big scale
- 4: A National Park for everyone
- 5: Encouraging enjoyment with understanding
- 6: Supporting thriving and sustainable communities and economy

The areas of impact outline the focus of this Management Plan and provide some more detailed intentions for each of these – the ‘what we will do’. The ‘what we will do’ is for all collective organisations and partners that have an interest in the Peak District National Park, as the Management Plan is a plan for the place.

In places it has been impossible to define specific targets; these will emerge as an outcome from preliminary work. It is our intention however, to be ambitious in our achievements, to make a significant difference as far as we can.

This section sets out the actions that partners working together are going to implement in order to help achieve the intentions that are in each of the areas of impact. The same numbering has been used in the delivery plan as in section 6, so that it is easy to cross refer between the areas of impact and the actions that follow.

Although the Management Plan is a five year document, the delivery plan is not a static element, as we must be able to reflect the changing environment and take advantage of opportunities as they arise over the next five years. To ensure that it is up to date, we will add in new actions as existing ones are delivered. This is to ensure that we maintain the necessary partnership momentum in every area of impact. Therefore, this section of the Management Plan is updated on an annual basis.

It is not the intention of the plan to duplicate or outline what others are already doing but to add value by focusing the partners’ attention on the main priorities for action. Therefore the Delivery Plan does not catalogue all current activity that supports national park purposes and omission should not be seen as negative.

To reduce the effects of climate change on the special qualities, we will know which special qualities are most affected by climate change, and focus action on reducing these impacts.

We will work with National Government to establish a working assessment of all emissions arising in the National Park. This will enable us to prioritise action where it will be most effective

To reduce greenhouse gases emissions we will seek to initiate the UK's most ambitious low carbon rural transport scheme which is both environmentally and economically sustainable

We will seek to expand the extensive work programme of moorland restoration to match the ambition required to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 as set out by the Committee on Climate Change.

We will support Regenerative Agriculture for soil health and carbon retention. We will promote carbon literacy amongst the farming and land managing community.

We will identify the most beneficial tree planting which can occur in the National Park and together raise our ambition to match this.

To secure funding for future land management to benefit all, we will seek to create an ideal future farming and land management payment scheme in the Peak District National Park which helps to conserve and enhance the special qualities.

To ensure that the management of upland moors delivers environmental, social and economic benefits; we will seek to restore populations of birds of prey to at least the levels present in the late 1990s, with the addition of hen harrier as a regularly successful breeding species.

To establish monitoring at a landscape scale we will produce a repeatable and robust survey methodology and undertake monitoring by the end of the plan.

To develop a White Peak partnership we will develop a strategy and start implementing an agreed action plan to deliver a wildlife and cultural heritage rich landscape, which delivers a wide range of public goods and services.

To maintain existing landscape scale delivery we will develop a clear long term vision, plan and have funding in place for the Dark Peak and South Pennines to 2050. We will develop a clear future plan and funding to develop and continue landscape scale delivery on the South West Peak.

To overcome physical barriers to access we will create a programme to develop a sustainable visitor economy that encourages the Peak District National Park to be a welcoming place for all. By 2023 we will be encouraging a wider range of people to enjoy the Peak District National Park at an appropriate scale and adding value to the visitor economy.

To overcome perceived barriers to access we will produce a consistent message that all partners use that encourages more under-represented groups to visit the National Park. To enable all marketing bodies to target the full potential audience and working with and in the local communities to encourage them to visit.

To balance opportunities for enjoyment with conserving a fragile environment we will promote the #PeakDistrictProud initiative to refresh the Countryside Code underpinning a Peak District brand which all relevant partners promote equally and consistently.

To ensure shared responsibility we will review and develop the new public events system with its new guidance and code of conduct for events organisers. This will happen once the lockdown arrangements have been lifted and we can reflect properly on the way forward.



Gardom's Edge
Photo: Chris Gilbert

Summary of our Intentions

To develop an awareness and understanding of the benefits of the Peak District National Park, we will consider a revised approach to the promotion of the Peak District brand so we establish a provenance which is coherent and effective at promoting the link between business development, the special qualities and the unique offer of the Peak District National Park.

To support thriving and sustainable communities and economy, we will first define what is meant by thriving and sustainable communities, in the context of the National Park Management Plan. We want to work closely with the Peak Park Parishes Forum to share ideas on what constitutes a Thriving and Sustainable community and collate the information from the Parish Statements to produce an overall State of Communities Report during 2020

To improve access to services we will work with providers to improve broadband and mobile connectivity across the National Park in line with the UK's Next Generation Access (NGA) standards.

To support the provision of locally needed housing we will work through the National Park Management Plan Advisory Group Housing Sub-Group to address the local need for appropriate housing in the National Park. We will look for positive, innovative solutions to address housing needs in the context of the constraints and conservation aims of the National Park.

To enable local businesses to thrive in a way that is compatible and, wherever possible, enhances the special qualities of the Peak District National Park, we will assist the development of businesses in conjunction with relevant bodies. Linking business support, grant aid, planning and economic development.



Stanage Edge
Photo: Chris Gilbert

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Our Delivery Plan

Area of Impact 1: Preparing for a future climate					
Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Intention 1.1: Reduce the effects of climate change on the special qualities	Undertake a climate change vulnerability assessment on the special qualities of the National Park and produce a mitigation/adaption plan setting out priority actions. Seek resources with partners to implement the priority actions.	National Park Authority	National Trust, Derbyshire County Council, Sheffield City Council, Staffordshire County Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council, High Peak Borough Council, Staffordshire Moorlands Borough Council, Cheshire East Council, Oldham Borough Council, Kirklees Council, Derby City Council, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Wildlife Trusts, Friends of the Peak District, Natural England, Environment Agency, Marketing Peak District & Derbyshire.	Vulnerability assessment produced in 2020. Identify mitigation actions & priorities 2020-2021. Establish / determine delivery partnership 2021. Start implementing mitigation/adaptation plan.	Know which special qualities are most affected by climate change, focus action on reducing these impacts.
	Seek support from DEFRA and BEIS to establish a working assessment of all emissions	National Park Authority	DEFRA, BEIS	Cut National data to the National Park boundary including all land based	An ability to prioritise action where it will be

Appendix 3

Area of Impact 1: Preparing for a future climate (continued)

Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Intention 1.1: Reduce the effects of climate change on the special qualities	<p>Initiate an ambitious low carbon rural transport scheme that is environmentally and economically sustainable</p> <p>Create a low carbon sustainable transport offer for all which supports and encourages a new sustainable travel hierarchy promoting:</p> <p>Active travel encouraging low carbon and active transport such as walking and cycling allowing enjoyment of the National Park's special qualities</p> <p>Sustainable public transport encouraging mass transit and shared travel to and within the National Park; and</p> <p>Low emission car based travel through greater opportunities for electrically charged vehicles. Promoted by integrated and promotional ticketing.</p>	<p>Sustainable Transport Steering Group consisting of:</p> <p>National Park Authority / Derbyshire County Council,</p> <p>Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire</p>	<p>Attraction operators</p> <p>Transport operators</p> <p>Sheffield City Council</p> <p>Staffordshire County Council</p> <p>Staffordshire Moorlands Borough Council</p> <p>Derbyshire Dales District Council</p> <p>High Peak Borough Council</p> <p>Cheshire East Council,</p> <p>Oldham Borough Council,</p> <p>Kirklees Council</p> <p>Derby City Council</p> <p>Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council</p> <p>Wildlife Trusts</p> <p>Friends of the Peak District</p> <p>Natural England</p> <p>Environment Agency</p> <p>Tourism bodies</p> <p>Midland Connect</p> <p>Transport for the North</p> <p>D2N2</p>	<p>Research programme launched May 2020. To include, real time travel service and gap analysis, attitudinal and desk research</p> <p>2023 target for emission reduction from car borne traffic identified August 2020</p> <p>Project plan published August 2020</p> <p>Pilot scheme launched April 2021</p> <p>Phase 1 sustainable transport scheme launched April 2022</p> <p>Selected programme of improvements (inc completion of the Monsal Trail, Hope Valley Explorer, and EV charging point installation) ongoing.</p>	<p>Reduced carbon emissions resulting from transport across, to and within the National Park</p> <p>Improved access to, from and within the National Park for residents and visitors</p> <p>Reduced traffic congestion within the National Park</p> <p>More active healthier transport options</p>

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Area of Impact 1: Preparing for a future climate (continued)

Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Intention 1.1: Reduce the effects of climate change on the special qualities	<p>Peatland restoration</p> <p>It is estimated that the peat lands of England emit 11 million tonnes of greenhouse gasses each year; mostly as carbon dioxide. The Climate Change Committee suggest that 50% of UK Peat lands should be restored to good condition by 2050.</p> <p>Seek to expand current work programmes to match the ambition required to achieve 50% Peak District moorlands in good (grade 6) condition. (targets refer to deep peat)</p>	Moors For The Future Partnership	Partnership members National Trust, Peak District National Park Authority, RSPB, Natural England, United Utilities, Yorkshire Water, Severn Trent Water, Environment Agency, Pennine Prospects	<p><i>Current Moors for the Future targets are contain in Intention 3.3: Maintain existing landscape scale delivery</i></p> <p><i>Additional Targets May 2020</i></p> <p>Date 2020/21</p> <p>Establish costings and opportunities to expand the currently planned work. Delivering improvements in all the benefits provided by the upland landscape to the communities of the North of England. Linking to other initiatives across the North of England over the whole blanket bog landscape between Sheffield and Scotland to deliver the Great North Bog.</p> <p>Identify funding and partnership arrangements to sustain and expand peatland restoration</p> <p>Agree our ambition for future sustainable management for restored peatlands</p> <p>(measure used is the 6 states of peat from the Moorland Managers Guidance)</p>	Sustainable landscapes assisting in reducing and mitigating climate change

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Area of Impact 1: Preparing for a future climate (continued)					
Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Intention 1.1: Reduce the effects of climate change on the special qualities	<p>Grasslands for carbon.</p> <p>Support Regenerative Agriculture for soil health and carbon retention.</p> <p>The Climate Change Committee states that Net Zero requires a transformation in land use across the UK. The report also suggests the encouragement of low-carbon farming practices – such as ‘controlled-release’ fertilisers, improving livestock health and slurry acidification.</p> <p>(The 25 year Environment Plan contains an ambition for better soil health through improved measurement)</p>	Land Managers Forum, National Trust, Peak District National Park Authority, RSPB, Natural England	Partnership members Farmer clusters/facilitation groups. Community Green Groups	<p>Identify the benefits of livestock as part of a sustainable upland farming system with particular reference to grassland.</p> <p>Explore opportunities for agro-forestry/wood pasture in the Peak District.</p> <p>Promote carbon literacy amongst the farming and land managing community.</p> <p>Encourage use of carbon tools, which take emissions, sequestration and permanent storage in to account.</p> <p>Update the Peak District Carbon Management Tool.</p> <p>Explore revising the Carbon Management Tool with partners to make it more user friendly and more widely available</p>	Reduced greenhouse gas emissions from productive agriculture

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				Promote discussion on the future of upland meat production. Improve routes to market and market presence for stock reared solely on grasslands managed for public goods e.g. carbon	
Area of Impact 1: Preparing for a future climate (continued)					
Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Intention 1.1: Reduce the effects of climate change on the special qualities	<p>Integration of more trees into the landscape</p> <p>The Climate Change Committee target for increased woodland cover equates to 176 Ha pa in the National Park and 5280Ha in total by 2050. This is 0.12% of the National Park per annum and a total increase in land cover of 3.67%.</p> <p>(This more than doubles the 25 year Environment Plan targets)</p> <p>This ambition goes beyond the current National Park Authority target of 2000 Ha by 2040.</p>	Forestry Commission	Farmers and land managers, , Parish Councils, Water and Power Utilities, The National Trust, Wildlife Trusts, National Park Authority	<p>2020</p> <p>Undertake opportunity mapping of the Peak District National Park to identify optimal locations and methods of establishing more trees in the landscape e.g. natural regeneration, planting woodlands, shelter belts, wood pasture and individual trees.</p> <p>To assess the viability of meeting the National tree planting targets within the constraints of the special qualities of the National Park.</p> <p>Clarify the carbon implications of different woodland and tree management options e.g. thinned, harvested or permanent retention.</p>	<p>Expanded tree cover which assists in reducing the impacts of climate change on the National Park and complements the special qualities of the National Park</p> <p>528Ha by 2023</p> <p>5280Ha by 2050</p>

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				<div>2020/21</div> <div>Identify new actions to deliver expanded tree cover in line with our assessment.</div> <div>Develop action to go beyond the stated target if this appears feasible following the opportunity mapping.</div>	
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Area of Impact 2: Ensuring a future for farming and land management

Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Intention 2.1: Secure funding for future land management to benefit all	<p>The Land Managers Forum to work with key private and public sector partners to build on the work of National Parks England.</p> <p>“Future of Farming in National Parks” and describe a future support system for the Peak District National Park, which will deliver a full range of public goods, using the White Peak as an example.</p>	Land Managers Forum	Land Managers Forum Members, Local Access Forum, Local Nature Partnership.	<p>Develop an acceptable support package proposal by 2019/2020.</p> <p>To have a new support package available from 2023.</p>	To create an ideal future farming and land management payment scheme in the Peak District National Park which helps to conserve and enhance the special qualities.
Intention 2.2: Ensure that the management of upland moors delivers environmental, social & economic benefits	<p>That the proposals from the Moorland Working Group are implemented. These will focus on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visitor engagement 2. Fire risk 3. Resilient sustainable moorland 4. Moorland birds 	Natural England	Significant moorland owners, shooting tenants and game keepers, Moors For The Future, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, RSPB, British Association for Shooting and Conservation, Local Access Forum, Fire Operations Group, Peak District Land Managers Forum, The National Trust, National Park Authority, The Moorland Association.	<p>Land Managers Forum sub group to be established to focus on resilient sustainable moorland (Sponsor NE).</p> <p>Bird survey in 2018 to confirm population trends.</p> <p>To review the work of the Bird of Prey initiative and implement effective measures to address bird of prey issues. 2019</p>	<p>Restore populations of birds of prey to at least the levels present in the late 1990s, with the addition of hen harrier as a regularly successful breeding species.*</p> <p>Further targets and outcomes to be developed as the working groups progress.</p>

* Agreed target with the Birds of Prey Initiative

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Area of Impact 3: Managing landscape conservation on a big scale

Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Intention 3.1: Establish monitoring at a landscape scale	We will have agreed and established a system of monitoring at a landscape scale encompassing landscape, wildlife and cultural heritage.	National Park Authority	Wildlife Trusts, Natural England, universities, Historic England, county and district councils, Local Nature Partnership, Moors for the Future Partnership, Friends of the Peak District.	Establish the objectives of monitoring in 2018. Produce a robust methodology for monitoring in 2019. Undertake monitoring from 2019.	A repeatable and robust survey methodology established and monitoring undertaken by the end of the plan. Actions identified where results are available.
Intention 3.2: Develop a White Peak Partnership	We will have a White Peak Partnership that is delivering agreed priority actions.	Rotating Chair: Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Natural England, Environment Agency, National Park Authority, Historic England & National Trust	Farmers and land managers, Forestry Commission, Parish Councils.	To be set as work progresses through the partnership steering group and wider partners.	To develop a strategy and start implementing an agreed action plan to deliver a wildlife and cultural heritage rich landscape, which delivers a wide range of public goods and services.

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Area of Impact 3: Managing landscape conservation on a big scale (continued)

Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Intention 3.3: Maintain existing landscape scale delivery	Develop a clear long term vision, plan and have funding in place for the Dark Peak and South Pennines to 2050.	Moors For The Future Partnership: National Trust, Peak District National Park Authority, RSPB, Natural England, United Utilities, Yorkshire Water, Severn Trent Water, Environment Agency, Pennine Prospects	Partnership members	Undertake long-term monitoring to inform the vision. 2018-19 - Start planning for the water industry's Asset Management Plan 7 2027 - Ensure Southern Pennines and Dark Peak meet delivery items of Water Framework Directive.	The percentage of blanket bog in the Dark Peak and South Pennines in improved ecological condition; 30% of Blanket Bog across the Southern Pennines to be in state 6 by 2050 90% of Dark Peak Blanket Bog moved out of state 2 by 2023, (bare peat to be revegetated) 25% of the Southern Pennine Blanket bogs to be moved out of state 2 by 2023. (measure used is the 6 states of peat from the Moorland Managers Guidance)
	Develop a clear future plan and funding to develop and continue landscape scale delivery on the South West Peak.	SWP Partnership: Peak District National Park Authority, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, Cheshire Wildlife Trust, The Farming Life Centre, RSPB, Support Staffordshire	Natural England, Environment Agency, Historic England, Cheshire East Council, Staffordshire County Council, Local Nature Partnership, Severn Trent Water, United Utilities	Put in place phase 2 arrangements for the partnership by end of December 2021.	Secure new sources of funding to further deliver on the agreed vision.

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Area of Impact 4: A National Park for everyone

Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Intention 4.1: Overcome physical barriers to access	Create a programme to develop a sustainable visitor economy that encourages the Peak District National Park to be a welcoming place for all.	Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire, National Park Authority.	Sheffield City Council, Staffordshire County Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council, High Peak Borough Council, Staffordshire Moorlands Borough Council, Cheshire East Council, Oldham Borough Council, Kirklees Council, Derby City Council, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, water companies, Local Access Forum, National Trust, RSPB, Chatsworth House, Derbyshire County Council, Local Nature Partnership, Parish Councils.	<p>Consolidate the existing data about visitor behaviour and perceptions.</p> <p>Develop a partnership approach to integrated visitor hubs/ gateways to embrace accessibility for all to the National Park whilst supporting responsible visiting and reducing impact of visitors.</p> <p>Produce and adopt Recreation Hubs Supplementary Planning Document. Adopted 2020.</p> <p>Develop a brand led approach to the promotion of the Peak District National Park linked to the development of a high quality sustainable tourism industry.</p>	By 2023 we will be encouraging a wider range of people to enjoy the Peak District National Park at an appropriate scale and adding value to the visitor economy.
Intention 4.2: Overcome perceived barriers to access	A consistent message that all partners use that encourages more under-represented groups to visit the National Park. To enable all marketing bodies to target the full potential audience and working with and in the local communities to encourage them to visit.	National Park Authority	Peak District MOSAIC, county councils, Visit Peak District, Natural England, Marketing Sheffield, Marketing Manchester, Enjoy Staffordshire, Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire, National Trust, Historic England, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council Inspiring Generations, John Muir Trust, Parish Councils.	<p>Establish baseline data on non-visitor profile by 2019.</p> <p>Assess what we offer against the potential optimum demand and amend where sustainable.</p> <p>Promote through engagement with target audiences.</p>	Set targets for the % increase in under-represented audiences to be achieved by 2023.

Area of Impact 5: Encouraging enjoyment with understanding

Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Intention 5.1: Balance opportunities for enjoyment with conserving a fragile environment	Refresh the Countryside Code to underpin the Peak District brand so all relevant partners can promote equally and consistently.	Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire, National Trust, Water companies, National Park Authority	National Farmers Union, Country Landowners Association, Moorland Association, Parish Councils, Local Access Forum, Inspiring Generations, Peak District Educators Group, significant land owners, Derbyshire County Council, Sheffield City Council, Staffordshire County Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council, High Peak Borough Council, Staffordshire Moorlands Borough Council, Cheshire East Council, Oldham Borough Council, Kirklees Council, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Peak District Land Managers Forum, Natural England, Derbyshire Police	Partner event to analyse issues to be dealt with by the code by 2019. An assessment of the effectiveness of this action.	A refreshed Countryside Code underpinning a Peak District brand which all relevant partners promote equally and consistently.

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Area of Impact 5: Encouraging enjoyment with understanding (continued)

Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Intention 5.2: Ensure shared responsibility	Review and develop current arrangements for events management in the Peak District.	National Park Authority	National Trust, Natural England, parish councils, Derbyshire County Council, Sheffield City Council, Staffordshire County Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council, High Peak Borough Council, Staffordshire Moorlands Borough Council, Cheshire East Council, Oldham Borough Council, Kirklees Council, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Peak District Local Access Forum, Highways England, event organisers	<p>Convene partner meeting to discuss issues in 2018.</p> <p>An assessment of the effectiveness of changes on the participants, local communities and the environment.</p> <p>Review all the event management systems available.</p> <p><i>Additions May 2019</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve Pre Event Communication. 2. Overhaul the events notification system to make it more effective and efficient. 3. Develop Peak District specific best practice guidelines to aid event's organisers. 4. Work with Natural England to improve the consents process. 5. Seek evidence of the extent of community and environmental impact within the National Park. 	To effect changes in event management practice.

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Area of Impact 5: Encouraging enjoyment with understanding (continued)					
Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Intention 5.3: Develop an awareness and understanding of the benefits of the Peak District National Park	Utilising the valuable work of 'Inspired by the Peak District' and the Peak District Environmental Quality Mark (EQM) consider a revised approach to the promotion of the Peak District brand so we establish a provenance which is coherent and effective at promoting the link between business development, the special qualities and the unique offer of the Peak District National Park.	National Park Authority, Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire	EQM Community Interest Company, Sheffield City Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council, High Peak Borough Council, Staffordshire Moorlands Borough Council, Cheshire East Council, Oldham Borough Council, Kirklees Council, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, National Park Authority, Local Economic Partnership Business Peak District	Convene a group to explore potential by the end of 2019.	A refreshed branding initiative in place by 2020 that adds value and promotes a quality standard.

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Area of Impact 6: Supporting thriving and sustainable communities and economy

Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Supporting thriving and sustainable communities and economy	Define what is meant by thriving and sustainable communities, in the context of the National Park Management Plan.	National Park Authority	Rural Action Derbyshire, Peak Park Parishes Forum, Friends of the Peak District, Derbyshire County Council, Staffordshire County Council, Cheshire East Council, Sheffield City Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council, High Peak Borough Council, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, Oldham Borough Council	Definition produced and agreed by 2020.	A practical definition of a thriving and sustainable community which can help inform future work.
Intention 6.1: Improve access to services	Work with providers to improve broadband and mobile connectivity across the National Park in line with the UK's Next Generation Access (NGA) standards.	Barnsley MBC, Derbyshire County Council, East Cheshire Council, Kirklees MBC, Staffordshire County Council, Sheffield City Council, Oldham MBC	District councils, National Park Authority, significant land owners, significant businesses, broadband and mobile suppliers, Business Peak District	Obtain data on future predicted gaps in mobile and broadband provision. Work with suppliers to find imaginative solutions for the final 5%. For example, community fibre partnerships.	We have an overall picture of the current state and gaps, plus the future target for broadband provision for the Peak District National Park. We use this to secure better access across the National Park, with an ambition of providing NGA standard services to every property within the Peak District National Park.

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Area of Impact 6: Supporting thriving and sustainable communities and economy (continued)					
Intention	Action	Sponsoring partner	Supporting partners	Milestones and dates	Target / Outcome
Intention 6.2: Support the provision of locally needed housing	Work through the National Park Management Plan Advisory Group Housing Sub-Group to address the local need for appropriate housing in the National Park.	National Park Authority	Derbyshire Dales District Council, High Peak Borough Council, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, Peak District Rural Housing Enabler, Parish Councils.	Establish a new estimate of strategic housing need. Define the opportunities for meeting affordable housing need through exception sites, brownfield and enhancement.	A package to deliver against the need for local affordable housing.
Intention 6.3 Enable local businesses to thrive in a way that is compatible and, wherever possible, enhances the special qualities of the Peak District National Park	Assist the development of businesses in conjunction with relevant bodies. Linking business support, grant aid, planning and economic development.	Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire, D2N2, Growth Hub,	National Park Authority, LEADER (EU funding for rural economic development), Local Economic Partnership, Business Peak District, local businesses, Sheffield City Region, Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, Derbyshire Dale District Council, Cheshire East Council, Sheffield City Council	Convene a group to explore potential by the end of 2019 and take forward action.	Thriving and sustainable businesses in the National Park.

