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NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: **Programmes and Resources Committee**

Date: **Friday 6 December 2024**

Time: **10.00 am**

Venue: **Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell**

PHILIP MULLIGAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 6 September 2024** (*Pages 5 - 10*) 5 mins
- 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.

FOR DECISION

THE REPORT FOR ITEM 6 HAS BEEN AMENDED IN PARAGRAPH 3.2 - (28/11/24).

- 6 **Sphagnum Lab** (*Pages 11 - 16*) 25 mins

FOR INFORMATION

- 7 **Annual Report of the Due Diligence Panel** (*Pages 17 - 18*) 5 mins
- 8 **Exempt Information S100 (A) Local Government Act 1972**
Draft motion:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 9 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A paragraph 3 "information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)".

PART B

- 9 **Exempt Minutes from Meeting of 6 September 2024** (*Pages 19 - 20*) 5 mins

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after which the committee will re-convene.

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To: Members of Programmes and Resources Committee:

Chair: Prof J Dugdale
Vice Chair: C Greaves

J W Berresford	C Farrell
A Gregory	L Grooby
Mrs G Heath	A Nash
C O'Leary	K Rustidge
K Smith	Dr R Swetnam
S Thompson	Y Witter
B Woods	

Other invited Members: (May speak but not vote)

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MINUTES

Meeting: Programmes and Resources Committee

Date: Friday 6 September 2024 at 10.00 am

Venue: Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell

Chair: Cllr C Greaves

Present: Cllr C Farrell, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Cllr A Nash, Cllr C O'Leary, Cllr K Rustidge, Mr K Smith, Dr R Swetnam, Ms Y Witter and Cllr B Woods.

Apologies for absence: Prof J Dugdale, Mr J W Berresford, Cllr A Gregory, Cllr L Grooby and Mr S Thompson.

22/24 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26TH APRIL 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 April 2024 were approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment:-

Minute number 18/24 bullet point 3 regarding Sustainable Travel "Brian highlighted a number of possible projects suggested by the Sustainable Transport Officer" should read "Brian highlighted a number of possible projects suggested by the Sustainable **Travel** Officer".

23/24 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

24/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public had given notice to make representations at the meeting.

25/24 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

26/24 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT (2023-24)

The Head of People Management was present to answer questions relating to this report.

It was noted that this report is 6 months old. The purpose of this report is to provide assurance that Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Management and Performance is satisfactory through 2023-24 and that there are effective systems in place following on from the organisation restructure in 2023.

A question was asked relating to the statistics for school visits and visitor accidents and how these get recorded on the register. These accidents get recorded when they are reported to a member of staff who then documents the event. This will then be forwarded to the relevant officers and also the Legal Team is informed.

A query was raised as to the difference between an “incident” and an “accident” and to what had taken place at Fairholmes and North Lees Campsite. Members were concerned about staff safety. The Head of People Management will report back to committee members about the difference between incident and accident.

The relatively low response rate of volunteers to the workforce survey was discussed and questions were asked regarding how accessible the survey is to the volunteers. The survey was only available to volunteers for completion on-line via Better Impact/My Impact and a number of reminders did get issued to volunteers. Dave Cramp also promoted the survey on the Volunteer Days. There was a suggestion that perhaps paper copies should be made available to volunteers.

The results of the survey were discussed along with what lessons have been learnt from the results and how the information has been captured.

It was noted that all volunteers have a nominated supervisor and are made aware that their health and well-being is important and that they know to raise any concerns at their briefings. The Health, Safety and Wellbeing sub-group have volunteers as members and the Volunteer Voice group have quarterly meetings with the Head of People Management, the Chief Executive and the Volunteer Manager.

The Health, Safety and Wellbeing Group is now an accountable and operational group as well as being consultative. It was questioned whether this could be a conflict of interest but on reflection noted that this group now took ownership of all matters relating to Health, Safety and Wellbeing and the balance was now right.

It was noted that now that more reporting of incidents and accidents is being encouraged there would be an increase in the figures.

The two recommendations as set out in the report were moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To note the Occupational Safety and Health annual report 2023-24.**
- 2. To approve the Health, Safety and Wellbeing objectives for 2024-25.**

27/24 CLIMATE CHANGE AIM OVERVIEW

The Strategy and Performance Manager was in attendance to answer Members questions relating to the report on the Climate Change Aim overview. The report reiterated the issues around climate change and gave an update on the current situation. The new government is reviewing the climate change agenda and there may be a number of different reporting layers along with possible regulation change.

There is much information to navigate through and climate change has a higher priority than previously. Colleagues from across the Protected Landscape family are working together to develop and share best practice.

Members mentioned that the Adaptation Workshop was very helpful and thought provoking and asked what are the follow-up points from this training – hopefully there will be a report available at the end of September summarising the proposed way we will move forward with regard to Resisting, Accepting and Directing change to National Park features in response to Climate Change, this will be used to inform work with staff, members and partners over the next 18 months.

There was a question regarding the Targets and Outcomes Framework (TOF) , in particular, reference to Target 8 relating to “increase tree canopy and woodland cover” and whether the Ash Dieback losses have been taken into account and the resultant impact this will have on the targets. It was noted that workshops and information sessions on the TOF were underway. The issues of local losses and local scale information was on the agenda for these sessions.

There was a question asking if there is a clear methodology for scope 3 emissions reduction in relation to the Carbon Management Plan referenced in paragraph 3.14 of the report and this would be covered under the next item on the agenda.

It was noted that there is a platform based Race to Zero disclosure report and the recommendations generated by this will be brought back to Members. This should be a useful lever for future action.

The recommendations as set out in the report were proposed, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the progress report in delivering to the National Park Management Plan and Authority Plan climate change aims and targets be noted.**
- 2. That the development work to assist the Authority in meeting net zero, climate change reporting and developing the approach to climate change adaptation for the Authority and National Park be noted.**

28/24 CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRESS REPORT 2023/24

The Corporate Property Team Manager attended the meeting to answer questions relating to the Carbon Management Plan Progress Report 2023/24 and the operational conditions and progress to Net Zero as an organisation.

Members questioned if there is a sound methodology for reporting on Scope 3 – “emissions arising from business travel in private cars and on public transport”? Officers are currently reviewing the emissions included within the scope of this performance reporting and hope to be able to reflect advances in reporting data that will allow more scope 3 emissions to be reported. It is hoped that the next annual report will include the following information pertaining to scope 3 emissions:

- Goods and services purchased by the Authority
- Employee commuting
- Home working

Appendix 1 showed the scope of the Authority carbon footprint and advances in technology will continue to progress reducing the Authority emissions. Where a building is refurbished renewables will be used. It will get harder to reduce emissions over time and will become more costly. Achieving Net Zero for the Authority will come at a cost.

Scope 2 was discussed and a question asked about how confident are we that the energy being used is renewable energy? The current situation reflects the guidance on carbon reporting and so it is considered to be zero emissions. The drive to Net Zero should not stop other activities taking place at sites and does not affect the decision making process.

Emissions from Authority properties were discussed with regard to Scope 3. New tenancies are tending to be of lower agricultural intensity and therefore have lower emissions. The four older tenancies that the Authority has inherited cannot be altered at the moment and make up 30-40% of the total estate. When these leases come up for renewal then it will be possible to look at the conditions of the lease and make changes accordingly. It was noted that the Warslow tenancies have a significantly higher carbon footprint compared to the other tenancies.

Now that there is data available it can be integrated into the decision making process. Members asked what support is given to the current tenancies in order to help them reduce emissions. The key support is in providing information in order to guide decisions around how land is being used e.g. trees/ wild-flower meadows/ intensive grazing. The carbon workshop looked at the National Park as a whole and how to reduce spikes in emission as much as possible by rationalising spikes in some areas against other areas. It is a balancing act across the park and comes with cost implications, it was recognised that it is necessary to grow crops to produce food and an example would be to plant trees in areas where crops cannot be grown. It is a matter of the right tree, in the right place, for the right reason and this needs to be properly managed.

The target is to get to zero emissions by 2050 and there will be interim targets set by Race to Zero. It was suggested that for those land based emissions which cannot be reduced these could be offset elsewhere e.g. more buildings with solar panels however there are conservation implications for this and for the protection of the cultural heritage of a building.

Land based emissions were discussed and it was noted that there is now no sequestration associated with grassland as overall this is considered to be in equilibrium, emitting a similar amount of carbon over a year as it sequesters. It was also noted that UK peatland, on the whole, is still emitting carbon even following restoration – however there is a reduction in the amount of carbon emitted.

The figures produced are national statistics and are not based on figures from the Peak District National Park, it would be useful to have these figures broken down to the individual park level. In the future the next report will aim to have more relevant figures and the Corporate Property Team Manager will work with Faith Johnson from EQM for the final report.

The recommendation as set out in the report was proposed, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Members take note of the information provided within Appendix 1 of the report and recognise it as a reflection of the carbon emissions of the Authority's operations.**

29/24 EXEMPT INFORMATION S100 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda items No's 10 and 11 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, paragraph 1 "information relating to any individual' and paragraph 3 "information relating to the financial of business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)".

30/24 EXEMPT MINUTES FROM MEETING OF 26 APRIL 2024

The exempt minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 April 2024 were approved as a correct record.

SUMMARY

The following item was considered in PART B of the meeting, full details of which are contained in the exempt minutes:

31/24 INSURANCE CONTRACTS

The meeting ended at 11.17 am

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6. SPHAGNUM LAB

1. Purpose

Approval is requested by Moors for the Future Partnership (**MFFP**) to accept funding and enter into agreements to establish a Sphagnum demonstration and research field laboratory at Featherbed North (**the Project**). Dense planting of Sphagnum moss will allow detailed research into a range of areas of interest, valuable engagement opportunities and multiple benefits to ecosystem services.

2. Context

2.1. It was anticipated that the original project would be authorised by the Moor Resilience authority (“Climate Change Mitigation Project” P&R 17/20) however, additional funds have been made available by Rebel Restoration which extends the project to 2026, past the duration of the Moor Resilience authority (2025). MFFP therefore seeks approval from the Programme & Resources committee for the Project and to enter into associated agreements.

2.2. Standing Orders: Acceptance of funds over £200,000 requires committee approval (Part 7.C-2). Expenditure over £150,000 which form a project requires the authority of the relevant committee (Part 3.C-3).

2.3 Previous Due Diligence (DD) under DD Panel 2/22 had a funding ceiling of £50K – this is was superseded by DD Panel 02/24 allowing funding up to £500K (subject to review in January 2027).

3. Proposals

3.1. The proposed budget for the Project is £768,900 over 7 years (2024-2030): the Project will be funded for the first two years by Rebel Restoration (£207,500), and by the Peak District National Park Foundation (**PDNPF**) (£40,000). It is anticipated that both these parties will continue to fund further years of monitoring, analysis and reporting once they see the outcomes of years one and two. Additional funds will be sought as needed from other sources, including grants and donations. However, should no other funds be forthcoming, the Project commitments to Rebel Restoration and PDNPF will end in 2026. There will be no further expenditure and, as the Project is fully funded up until this time, no debt commitments to fulfil. The legacy will be sphagnum lawns that will continue to contribute to the ecosystem and be of ongoing value for demonstration visits.

3.2. Site description - Featherbed North is on National Trust land, on Ashop Moor. It is accessible from the A57 via the Pennine Way – a 10-minute walk in total. It is the site of an extensive research project (collaboration between National Trust and Nottingham Trent University) which finished on 31/12/2021, assessing impacts of gully-blocking techniques (timber dams) on hydrology (streamflow, water table). The monitoring infrastructure remains in place. The existing setup presents an excellent opportunity to add dense Sphagnum cover, to assess the impacts this would have in addition to the gully blocks.

3.3. The proposed sphagnum lab will facilitate detailed research into key areas, including benefits to Natural Flood Management, whilst simultaneously providing a visually impacting engagement tool for MFFP and the National Trust to use when engaging with members of the public, students, journalists, politicians and policy-makers and creating benefits to multiple ecosystem services – for example sequestering carbon,

improving biodiversity, reducing flood severity. Nottingham Trent University will continue and extend their research, using their UAV capabilities to collect aerial imagery at the Featherbed North site and at the Authority's first dense sphagnum site on Kinder Scout, to remotely measure sphagnum cover and to generate footage for communications purposes, at a cost of £35,698.86 to the Project.

3.4. Objectives

- To evidence the effects of extensive Sphagnum cover on streamflow (stormflow and drought resilience), carbon fluxes, water table, soil moisture, vegetation community composition
- To develop an easily accessible site, which may be used to demonstrate the value of peatland restoration to a range of stakeholders
- To develop a best practice guide for planting Sphagnum as a restoration technique (based on a trial assessing relative growth rates of plugs affected by planting spacings/geometries, species mixes, microtopographic conditions)

3.5. Project Management

- The capital works (sphagnum planting) will be delivered using the Peak District National Park Authority and Moors for the Future Partnership processes and procedures for delivering blanket bog restoration capital works.
- A project report on project progress to funders will be completed at least yearly.
- MFFP will liaise with the landowner, the National Trust High Peak Estate, as required (at least yearly).

3.6. Timescales

April 2024 to March 2025:

- Finalise statutory and stakeholder consents
- Procure and install moisture sensors
- Commence baseline monitoring
- Remote sensing baseline survey (NTU)
- Plant Sphagnum demonstration lawns
- Written update to funders and stakeholders

April 2025 to March 2026

- Continue baseline monitoring (to Autumn 2025)
- Secure sphagnum planting contractor through PDNPA tender process and through liaison with CaLM team works programming.
- Plant Sphagnum in vegetation quadrats and experimental catchments (Autumn 2025)
- Start post-treatment monitoring
- Written update to funders and stakeholders

April 2026 to March 2027

- Incorporate monitoring by University of Manchester into the Project at adjacent monitoring site Upper Gate Clough, where they are studying the effects of dense Sphagnum planting on greenhouse gas emissions (currently funded as its own

project, but will be funded by this Project from April 2026, if we can secure the necessary funds)

- Continue post-treatment monitoring
- Written update to funders and stakeholders

April 2027 to March 2030

- Continue post-treatment monitoring at the Sphagnum Lab quadrats and catchments, and at the Upper Gate Clough carbon monitoring site
- Remote sensing post-treatment survey
- Written update to funders and stakeholders

4. Recommendations:-

- 4.1. That Committee supports bids for and approves acceptance of funds for the Project up to a maximum of £800,000 for the period to 2030, including acceptance of £207,500 from Rebel Restoration and £40,000 from the Peak District National Park Foundation. Approval of the terms of funding is delegated to the Head of Assets and Enterprise in consultation with the Finance Manager/Chief Finance Officer (or such other person appointed under S151 of the Local Government Act 1972).
- 4.2. That authority be delegated to the Authority Solicitor to enter into and determine the terms and conditions of the funding agreements for the Project in the best interests of the Authority.
- 4.3. That acceptance of funds shall be subject to the approval of the Due Diligence Panel, where applicable.
- 4.4. That the Authority may, subject to compliance with its procurement standing orders, enter into contracts for the delivery of the Project outcomes.
- 4.5. That this Project be monitored by the Audit, Budget and Project Risk Monitoring Group.

5. Corporate Implications

a. Legal

Pursuant to section 65(5) of the Environment Act 1995, the Authority has power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to the accomplishment of its statutory purposes. The Project falls within the Authority's statutory purposes. This power is subject to any express statutory or public law constraints, including compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 which would apply. In this event, a transparent, compliant procurement exercise must be undertaken in order to ensure any contract award is robust against legal challenge.

b. Financial

Cash flow forecast:

Note: Expenditure figures from 2026/27 onwards are projected costs, contingent on the Project being funded after 2025/26 (as is hoped and anticipated). The Project is fully funded up to and including 2025/26. If no further funding is forthcoming, then the Project will end in 2025/26 with no further cost commitments.

Expenditure by FY	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	TOTAL
Pay (inc. Corp o/h)	12,000	51,000	44,500	55,000	60,000	65,000	70,000	357,500
Non-pay	0	5,000	135,000	50,900	51,200	112,200	57,100	411,400
TOTAL expenditure	12,000	56,000	179,500	105,900	111,200	177,200	127,100	768,900
Income								
Rebel Restoration	0	148,000 ("Grant 1")	59,500 ("Grant 2")*					207,500
PD Foundation Donor	40,000	0	0					40,000
TOTAL Income	40,000	148,000	59,500					247,500

c. National Park Management Plan and Authority Plan

- The Project will include the planting of 284,000 *Sphagnum* plugs, with significant benefits in terms of carbon sequestration, nature recovery and improvements to biodiversity. This aligns with Aim One of the Peak District National Park Management Plan
- The Project will deliver important research quantifying the benefits of peatland restoration (focusing on *Sphagnum*), which will support further efforts to raise funds to deliver future restoration works across the National Park.

d. Risk Management

All risks associated with the Project will be managed internally by MFFP.

- i. Risk: insufficient capacity to manage/deliver the project.
 1. The Project will be delivered by MFFP using existing staff capacity, already assigned to this project.
- ii. Risk: failure to plant *Sphagnum* due to lack of availability of materials/contractors.
 1. The capital works element of this Project will be incorporated into MFFP's wider capital works programme. This will be managed by our Conservation and Land Management team, who have assessed the requirements of the project and have no concerns about conflicts with other capital works resourcing.
- iii. Risk: insufficient funding to continue the Project
 1. If insufficient funds are raised to continue the Project, the Project will stop (or pause). All reporting/contractual requirements up to that point will be fulfilled by the MFFP staff working on the Project.

e. Net Zero

The Project will include the planting of 284,000 *Sphagnum* plugs, which will bring a benefit of carbon sequestration both during and beyond the lifespan of the Project. Carbon emissions associated with the Project will be minimal, as no helicopter or onsite vehicle operations will be included.

6. Background papers (not previously published)

None

7. Appendices

No appendices

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7. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DUE DILIGENCE PANEL

1. Purpose

To inform Members of the items considered by the Due Diligence Panel over the last 12 months.

2. Context

2.1 The Due Diligence Panel was set up as part of the Authority's Policy on working with Businesses, Organisations, Individuals and Groups of Individuals on Sponsorship Philanthropy and Legacies agreed at the Authority meeting on 3rd October 2014.

2.2 Since then the role and decision making of the Panel has been updated twice and checklists for officers to use for prospective proposals produced. The role and decision-making outcomes for the Panel are:

1. To confirm whether it is appropriate to develop a relationship which has a financial value of £5,000 or more (actual or in-kind) with the proposed interested party or parties.
2. To confirm sufficient material has been provided to make a judgement or to refer back to the proposer if more information is needed.
3. To advise if mitigation action is required in light of risks identified by the proposal or the Panel in order for development of the relationship to proceed.

2.3 In accordance with the agreed policy all decisions made below the £5,000 threshold are:

- a. recorded through the finance system where a financial transaction is made – with a report being made every six months by the Finance Manager to the Due Diligence Panel for review
- b. reported to Customer and Democratic Support Team where the transaction is an in-kind transaction for recording on the registers, with a report being made every six months to the Due Diligence Panel for review.

2.4 The Panel has met quarterly since November 2015 with extra meetings convened as necessary. The current members of the Panel are the Monitoring Officer (as Chair), Head of Assets and Enterprise, Chief Financial Officer and James Berresford (with Janet Dugdale as Deputy Member).

3. Proposals

3.1 The Committee is asked to note the items that have been considered and decided on by the Due Diligence Panel in the past 12 months:

- Donation to Moors for the Future Partnership (MFFP) from Harris & Sheldon Group for restoration works on Combs Moss.
- Increased funding to MFFP from Rebel Restoration for further restoration projects.
- Acceptance of a legacy donation.

3.2 The Committee is also asked to note that the Panel carried out the half yearly review of the financial and in-kind registers of sponsorship and donations together with the One Team register of benefits in May and October. The Panel have decided that these registers only need to be reviewed on an annual basis going forward.

4. Recommendations:

- 1. To note the items considered by the Due Diligence Panel over the last 12 months, as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.**
- 2. To note that the Panel reviewed the financial register of sponsorships and donations, the in-kind register of sponsorships and donations and One Team register of benefits in May and October 2024 and that the Panel will review these registers on an annual basis in future.**

5. Corporate Implications

a. Legal

Effective due diligence processes are an important element of corporate good governance to protect the Authority both from a legal and reputational perspective.

The Bribery Act 2010 and the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017, include legal requirements pertaining to the use of due diligence when establishing relationships with third parties.

b. Financial

Any financial risks of individual proposals are considered as part of the Due Diligence process.

c. National Park Management Plan and Authority Plan

This work contributes to achieving the Authority Plan aim to be inspiring, pioneering and enabling in delivering the National Park vision by having best practice governance arrangements in place.

d. Risk Management

Any risks related to individual proposals are considered as part of the Due Diligence process and addressed accordingly.

e. Net Zero

Any issues related to net zero in individual proposals are considered as part of the Due Diligence process and addressed accordingly.

6. Background papers (not previously published)

None.

7. Appendices

None.

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Angela Edwards, Monitoring Officer, 28th November 2024

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