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## **STANTON MOOR MINERAL LIAISON GROUP (JRS)**

### **Introduction**

In March 2014 Planning Committee resolved to establish the Stanton Moor Mineral Liaison Group (SMMLG). The group was established to operate at an arm's length and allow stakeholders (including mineral operators, parish councils, and community groups) to:

- disseminate factual information
- discuss problems relating to the mineral working and to be part of the practical response
- allow participants to understand their respective roles and responsibilities
- express and listen to each other's views
- ensure information is available to all stakeholders on a consistent and straightforward basis
- to provide an opportunity to discuss forthcoming development proposals
- to discuss day to day concerns about quarry operations and their impacts
- work to establish a better working relationship between the stakeholders
- promote the engagement of those with "protected" characteristics under the Equalities Act 2010

The Authority established the terms of operation of the Liaison Group. The Group is chaired by an independent chair, Professor Tony Crook. It is composed of representatives of the mineral companies operating on and around Stanton Moor, representatives of Stanton in Peak, Birchover and Rowsley Parish Councils, local landowners, local community group representatives and Friends of the Peak District, together with Authority Officers. Minutes are taken by an Authority officer.

Five meetings of the group have now been held, with the latest on 19 October 2015. The minutes of the first four meetings have been reported to Committee, with the last report in August 2015 agreeing that the Stanton Moor Minerals Liaison Group should continue to operate as constituted in 2014.

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with a copy of the minutes of the 19 October meeting, noting that the minutes of the meeting have been agreed by the Chair of the Group and have been circulated, but they have not yet been considered by the Liaison Group. The next meeting is scheduled for 22 February 2015.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the minutes of the Stanton Moor Minerals Liaison Group of October 2015 are noted.**

### **Human Rights**

Any human rights issues have been considered and addressed in the preparation of this report.

### **List of Background Papers** (not previously published)

Minutes for Stanton Moor Mineral Liaison Group October 2015 attached as appendices