

APPENDIX 1

Foreword

Each year we use the performance and business plan to report on progress and share our priorities for the year ahead. This report is no different.

This plan set out what the implementation of the first year of our new Corporate Strategy will look like. Our focus for 2016/17 is to continue our strong record of delivery and to invest in and organise ourselves, so we have a sound platform in place to support a sustained and enhanced delivery in years 2 and 3.

Performance matters to us, and this year we have simplified our corporate reporting measures, streamlining our indicators from 63 to 17, that are aligned and focussed on achieving our Corporate Strategy. We have set realistic, yet ambitious, targets to support our mission to inspire millions of people so together we will protect and care for our National Park for the enjoyment of all.

Our work is valued, as the government's recently published 8-Point Plan for England's National Parks demonstrates; and as the Chancellors statement in November 2015 made clear, our budget is protected. This confidence the government has placed in us, gives us the opportunity to plan confidently how we will diversify and grow our resources, to look after the National Park in the future, building on the valued government grant.

This plan is also an opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved in 2015/16. This was a transitional year, with a new Chief Executive in post. It was a year bridging the end of our last corporate plan and the start of our new Corporate Strategy and the end of our previous medium term financial plans. It is impressive, that with these changes we delivered so much last year. This has been made possible with the skills, commitment, passion and professional approach of the staff of the Authority, working with both the community and partners. Thank you to all for your valued contributions, working together as one team for the National Park.

Lesley Roberts

Chairman

Sarah Fowler

Chief Executive