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F. FORWARD PLANNING

Scope of this Function and Introduction

This function includes:

- Preparing and reviewing the National Park Management Plan and Local Development Framework, Supplementary Planning Documents, local studies and plans, research and monitoring
- Strategic oversight of the range of statutory and non-statutory consultees and partnerships
- Work to foster economic and social well-being of local communities in the Park

The work of this function contributes to many of the corporate outcomes but in particular:

- **I: The Peak District is a living, modern, and innovative area with vibrant and cohesive communities**
- **J: Sustainable prosperity is achieved through a diverse economy, capitalising on the special and distinctive environment of the National Park**

Our Performance in 2006/07

Overview:

The Authority adopted the National Park Management Plan in December 2006 and launched it at the end of March 2007

A revised timescale has been established for a new set of planning policies that are robust and coherent and that respond to local needs and visitor requirements as well as statutory purposes.

National Park Management Plan:

- The Authority approved the establishment of a National Park Management Plan Monitoring Group composed of key external delivery agencies. This group will improve wider ownership and delivery of the actions in the Plan

Local Development Framework:

- Timescales for developing Preferred Options were revised to 2007/08 in consultation and agreement with Government Office East Midlands
- The Statement of Community Involvement was adopted and the Local Development Scheme was successfully revised in consultation with Government Office East Midlands and adopted
- The Authority continues to play an active role on the Board, Executive and sub-groups of the Derbyshire Dales District Council/High Peak Borough Council Local Strategic Partnership. In addition, officers play an active role in the Derbyshire Partnership and the Sustainable Communities block of the Derbyshire Local Area Agreement, with representation on these bodies to fulfil our Local Development Framework obligations
- In partnership with other key statutory agencies we successfully developed the scoping report and draft methodology for the sustainability appraisal and strategic environmental assessment, to be used during the development of options within the Local Development Framework

Partnership working:

- The Authority is an active participant in the Sheffield City Region Forum which has now agreed its governance structure and priorities. Joint Issue Boards will be established for tourism and destination, transport, housing and innovation
- The Authority continued to work with the four Regional Development Agencies and played a key role in the development of an economic impact study of national parks in the Yorkshire and Humber region. Work on a similar study in the East Midlands also started

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Monitoring:

- An analysis of the evidence base was completed and key research work commissioned and undertaken with partners. Input to regional and national planning was provided including the publication of the Annual Monitoring Report in December 2006
- New data for the State of the Park Report will be finalised in 2007/08 following publication of the National Park Management Plan with a view to publishing a new report in 2009
- An updated 2001 Census of Population Report and a Visitor Survey 2005 (which included a the White Peak Visitor Survey and a complementary Moorland Survey) were published
- Population, housing and employment projections were published and workshops were held to disseminate the information
- An agreement with East Midlands Regional Assembly and Derbyshire County Council was reached on the provision of key data to improve the support of planning policies

Trends in Our Performance During 2005 – 2007

We have revised our timescale for completing all Local Development Framework documents following consultation with Government Office East Midlands. Progress on these is monitored though the Annual Monitoring Report.

The National Park Management Plan has been successfully adopted and now provides the overarching strategic framework for the development of Local Development Framework policies as well as informing the strategic work of the Authority.

Our Priority Activities and Targets 2007/08

Priority level 2:

- Monitor the delivery of the National Park Management Plan (Key Corporate Action I1)
- Produce and consult on issues and options and preferred options material for consultation (Key Corporate Action I1)
- Undertake Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environment Assessment for emerging Core Strategy Policy (Key Corporate Action I1)

Priority level 3:

- Oversee research and monitoring work of the Authority, in particular co-ordinate the development and collection of indicators (Key Corporate Action K1)
- Produce monitoring, evidence and development of the local Development Framework (Key Corporate Action K1)

Financial Summary

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£,000	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Direct revenue expenditure	95	100		
Capital charges / depreciation	0	0		
Employee costs	382	461		
Recharged support costs	78	74		
Total Gross Expenditure	555	635		
Income: Sales Fees and Charges	0	(2)		
Income: Other external funding	(187)	(121)		
Net Expenditure	368	512		

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NPA COMPARISON					ACHIEVED				TARGET		
2006/07	Top 25%	Range	Ref	Indicator	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	Target Met	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
			BV200 (a)	Do you have a Development Plan (or alterations to it) that has been adopted in the last 5 years and the end date of which has not expired?	No	Yes	Yes	Amber	Yes	Yes	Yes
			BV200 (b)	If 'No' are there any proposals on deposit for an alteration or replacement, with a published timetable for adopting alterations or replacement plan within 3 years?	Yes	No	No	Amber	No	No	Yes
			BV200 (c)	Did the Local Planning Authority publish an annual monitoring report by December of the last year	New indicator for 2005/06	Yes	Yes	Amber	Yes	Yes	Yes
			NH4	Do you have an adopted Management Plan for the National Park (or alterations to it) that has been adopted in the last 5 years?	Yes	No	Yes	Amber	Yes	Yes	Yes