

12 **NATIONAL PARKS CONFERENCE 2007: APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES (EWJ/A.1118)**

Proposal

1 To appoint the Authority's delegates to attend the Association of National Park Authorities (ANPA) National Parks Conference to be held in Buxton in September 2007.

2 **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **That six members be appointed to attend the ANPA National Parks Conference on 19th-21st September 2007 with attendance as an approved duty.**
2. **That the Chair of the Authority be authorised to appoint substitute delegates if necessary.**

Policy/Legal Background

3 The ANPA conference is hosted each year by one of the National Park Authorities. This year it is being hosted by the Authority at the Palace Hotel Buxton on 19th – 21st September 2007. The Authority is usually represented at the conference each year by Member and officer delegates.

Key Issues

4 The theme of the conference is "National Parks – the next 10 years". The conference will focus on the key issues facing Britain's National Parks as they strive to achieve their environmental goals over the coming decade – from climate change, recreation and access to the future of government policy and the increasing importance of engagement with communities and partnerships.

5 The Chair and Deputy Chair will represent the Authority as hosts. It is proposed that six other Members be appointed as delegates with the Chair of the Authority being authorised to appoint substitutes if any of the delegates are unable to attend.

6 The full delegates fee is £495 with a daily delegate rates of £195. Although the Authority is hosting the conference the delegates fees will still be payable for any Members that attend.

APPENDIX

Background

1 See main report.

Resources

2 The delegates fees and any travelling and subsistence allowances will be met from the Members' budget as usual.

Risk Management

3 There are no risks arising out of the proposal.

Human Rights, Equalities, Health & Safety

4 There are no issues that arise out of the proposal.

Consultees

5 The Chief Executive has been consulted on the proposal.

Enclosures

6 None

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

7. None.

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