

**AGENDA ITEM No. 7**

**PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

**NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY MEETING**

**22 MAY 2009**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**PART A**

**1. THE MINERALS STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN (A.65/RJB)**

**Purpose of the report**

1. To seek approval for the adoption of the attached Minerals Strategic Action Plan which seeks to
  - 1) To implement the minerals policies of the National Park Management Plan (NPMP)2006-11
  - 2) To take a proactive approach to Development Plan policies
  - 3) To secure consensus on the priorities for action and use of resources

**Recommendations**

2. **1. The attached Minerals Strategic Action Plan is adopted**

**How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?**

3. This Plan expresses how some of the actions identified in the National Park Management Plan with respect to Minerals will be achieved. In addition it states how the Authority's statutory duties with respect to Minerals will be carried out.

**Background**

4. In 2003, a National Park Authority Performance Assessment identified a need for a strategy to guide the Authority's approach to minerals. This Strategic Action Plan begins with brief background information on mineral working in the National Park at present, and how this is managed. The proposals for action are then divided into three parts:
  - The performance in the primary functions of the Authority as Mineral Planning Authority;
  - Actions on mineral planning issues in the Park; and
  - The performance of mineral planning functions.
5. It is important to distinguish this Action Plan from the emerging Local Development Framework (LDF) which is concerned with the review and development of policy. The Action Plan is primarily concerned with implementing policy and deciding how the Authority applies its statutory planning function regarding minerals. It is based to a significant extent on the implementation of actions specified in the NPMP

6. There has been involvement of members in the development of the Action Plan. This has included a member's seminar on 20 March 2009, involving presentation of a draft Action Plan. The views expressed by members have been taken into account, There was further consideration of the issues at the Authority's Strategic Advisory Group meeting on the 24 April 2009.

### **Proposals**

7. This Action plan is initially based on a 2 year period, terminating in April 2011, such that it complements the NPMP time span. The Plan will be reviewed annually in April in the form of reports submitted to the Audit and Performance Committee.
8. The Plan proposes actions and each one has implications for timing, staff and cost and a target to allow for effective monitoring. It should be emphasised that the plan does not make resource decisions. Within the comment on the actions proposed, there is reference to the resource implications of specific actions. It is against this background that priorities must be chosen and the Action Plan has an important role in advising on this. As the Plan progresses the achievement of actions will be monitored and used to help inform resource decision making in the annual budgetary cycle.
9. The Plan has links to other existing and emerging Authority strategies which are identified in the context of the proposed actions

### **Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?**

10. **Financial:** The actions proposed have no financial implications at present. However, progress on some actions will be monitored and may need extra financial input, in the future, normally in the form of staff or consultants. These resource decisions will be made as part of the annual budgetary cycle.
11. **Risk Management:** It is possible that the resource demand of some actions may turn out to be greater than initially envisaged as some outcomes of the proposed actions cannot be predicted with certainty. However, there is a monitoring and reporting procedure which should allow the implications of any unpredicted outcomes to be properly considered.
12. **Sustainability:** The plan helps to achieve the aims of the Climate Change Action Plan in terms of actions to reduce emissions (action point 14), reduce lorry traffic (action points 16 & 17). The aims of the Sustainable Transport Plan to reduce lorry traffic are central to action points 16 & 17. The aims of the Biodiversity Action Plan are realised in action15 which seeks to promote high quality restoration.
13. All the actions have a more general contribution to sustainability objectives through the concern of the Plan to more effectively implement the actions in the NPMP and national and local planning polices.

14. **Background papers**

The East Midlands Regional Plan 2009  
The PDNPA Local Plan 2003  
National Park Management Plan 2006-11  
Minerals Planning Statement 1 (MPS 1) CLG 2006  
'Collation of the results of the 2005 Aggregates Minerals Survey for England and Wales', (CLG, May 2007)

“Survey and Annual Report for 2009” East Midlands Regional Aggregates Working Party

The following PDNPA Strategies in the course of preparation :

The Landscape Strategy

Sustainable Transport Plan

Climate Change Action Plan

**Appendices**

Appendix 1: Minerals Strategic Action Plan

Annex 1: Policy in MPS1 paragraph 14 on mineral working in National Parks

Annex 2: Policy 37 of RSS8 on Regional Priorities for Minerals

Annex 3: Minerals Strategy Project Timetable

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