

**AGENDA ITEM No. 8**

**PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

**NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY MEETING**

**2 OCTOBER 2009**

**CORPORATE RESOURCES**

**PART A**

**1. MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ROLES AND TASK TEAMS(A.111/RC/RMM)**

**Purpose of the report**

1. This report asks Members to
  - (a) Agree and make appointments to the Member Representative roles proposed
  - (b) Agree and make appointments to the Task Teams proposed.

**Recommendations**

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  1. **That the topic areas proposed for Member representative roles in Appendix 1 are discussed and agreed.**
  2. **That appointments are made for one year to each Member representative role agreed and then reviewed at the Authority meeting in September 2010.**
  3. **That the Task Teams proposed in Appendix 1 are discussed and agreed.**
  4. **That appointments are made for one year to the Task Teams agreed and then reviewed at the Authority meeting in September 2010.**
  5. **All agreed Member Representative and Task Team roles be approved duties for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances.**

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

3. In addition to the scrutiny process (where the emphasis is on performance improvement independently led by and reported on by Members) the following provide an avenue for increased Member involvement externally and internally working with staff to achieve National Park Management Plan (NPMP) and National Park Authority outcomes and priorities:
  - a. Member Representatives (with 'special topic') roles
  - b. Task Teams
  - c. Member Representatives on outside bodies.

**Background**

4. At the Authority meeting in October 2008 Member Representative roles and Task Teams were reviewed. It was agreed (Min 79/08) that the appointment of Member Representatives should be against the NPMP outcomes and that the precise

function of each member would reflect the stage of development of the topic and the relative balance between external advocacy and topics more focused on developing the Authority's work within the Authority. The exception to this would be minerals where the sensitive nature of the position means that, as has been our practice over many years, the Chair of Planning or the Chair of the Authority is the spokesperson for this issue.

5. In addition to the roles related to the NPMP outcomes 3 other roles were also agreed for Asset Management, Transformational Government and Member Learning and Development.
6. The two Task Teams agreed were the Plans Review Task Team and the Losehill Hall Business Strategy Monitoring Group.

### **Proposals**

7. Following consultation with the Management Team and the Chair and Deputy Chair it is proposed that the Member Representative roles continue to be linked to the NPMP outcomes, as agreed last year, and with just 2 other roles this year for Asset Management and Member Learning and Development and that Members be appointed to the roles.
8. When the proposed intentions to continue these roles were notified to all Members one Member requested that a representative for affordable housing and a representative for planning be considered. However it is felt that the role for affordable housing is covered by the current role of the People and Communities representative and that planning is covered by the role of the Chair of Planning Committee. Therefore no further additional roles are proposed.
9. It is also proposed that the current two Task Teams for Plans Review and Losehill Hall Business Strategy Monitoring Group continue and that Members be appointed to the Teams.
10. The Member representative roles proposed and the current Member appointments, together with the current Member appointments to the Task Teams are set out in Appendix 1. The rationale/reasons for the roles and Task Teams are not detailed as they remain the same as agreed last year and can be found at <http://resources.peakdistrict.gov.uk/ctte/authority/reports/2008/081003Item12-2Ann2.pdf>

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

11. **Financial:** The duties carried out by Member Representatives and Task Team members will qualify for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances which will be funded out of the Members' Allowances budget.
12. **Risk Management:** The roles proposed address the risks of:
  - Failure to use Members' skills and knowledge to support achievement of the NPMP and the National Park Authority's priorities
  - Failure to develop and facilitate the external facing role of Members.
13. **Sustainability:** There are no issues to highlight.
14. **Background papers** (not previously published)  
None.

**Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Details of current appointments

**Report Author, Job Title and Publication Date**

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