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## MINUTES

Meeting: **Audit Resources & Performance Committee**

Date: Friday 15 September 2017 at 10.00 am

Venue: The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell

Chair: Cllr A McCloy

Present: Cllr F J Walton, Mrs P Anderson, Mrs F Beatty, Cllr C Furness,  
Mr Z Hamid, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr J Perkins and  
Cllr Mrs N Turner

Cllr Mrs L C Roberts, Mr P Ancell and Cllr D Chapman  
attended to observe and speak but not vote.

Apologies for absence: Cllr J Atkin, Cllr A R Favell and Cllr B Woods.

### **37/17 CHAIRS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

At the start of the meeting the Chair brought Members attention to the tabled document providing a review of the activities for the Moors for the Future Partnership for 2016/17 which included a schedule for the BogFest event, a celebration of iconic uplands and brilliant blanket bogs taking place in Edale on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd September 2017. Cllr D Chapman as Chair of the Partnership encouraged all Members to attend but reminded them to book in advance.

### **38/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21 JULY 2017**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee held on 21 July 2017 were approved as a correct record.

### **39/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Three members of the public were present to make representations to the Committee.

### **40/17 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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Cllr A McCloy personal as a Member of the Ramblers Association. He also reported that he had received an email from Dr A Whitehouse regarding the proposals.

#### **41/17 PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER AT WETTON (A76228/SAS)**

The Committee considered a report on the outcome of consultation with statutory consultees under Regulation 4 of the National Park Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England) Regulations 2007 for the proposed future management of a 1.4km route at Wetton running from Manor House Farm, south westerly and then south to meet the Leek Road in the Manifold Valley.

Some Members had visited the site on the previous day, notes from the site visit were circulated at the meeting.

In introducing the report the Access Officer read out additional representation received from Natural England, Dr Andrew Whitehouse and Cllr Jason Atkin.

The following made a representation to the meeting in accordance with the Authority's Public Participation Scheme:

- Susan Reiblien, Local Resident
- Charlotte Gilbert, Peak Horsepower
- George Wolfe, Peak District Green Lanes Alliance and Friends of the Peak District

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

#### **RESOLVED**

**To publish a notice of the Authority's proposals for a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order under Section 22 BB(2)(a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that will have the effect of prohibiting use by mechanically propelled vehicles (subject to certain exceptions) at any time on the 1.4km route at Wetton.**

Cllr Mrs G Heath arrived at 10:10am during consideration of this item.

#### **42/17 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2016/17 (A595/MF)**

The Committee considered a report providing details of the Authority's environmental performance data for the 2016/17 financial year and progress against performance in previous and baseline years. The data in the report related to the environmental impacts arising from the Authority's operations and reflected the scope and methodology of reporting as set out in the Authority's Carbon Management Plan (CMP).

During the discussion Members raised issues relating to the use of electric vehicles and work on properties to improve energy efficiency. Members also recognised the significant achievement of reducing carbon emissions by 24.9% since 2009/10

The officer recommendation was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. To note the environmental performance data detailed in Appendix 1 and approve it and the supporting details as the Authority's position on the operational environmental performance over the 2016/17 reporting period.**

- 2. To note that a new plan would be established over the 2017/18 period to set targets to cover the period from 2019 to 2024.**

Cllr J Perkins left the room between 10:50am and 10:55am during consideration of this item.

Following this item the meeting was adjourned from 11.05am to 11.15am

#### **43/17 LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE - ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT OFFER**

The Committee considered a report setting out proposals to accept Landscape Enhancement Initiative Fund grants from Ofgem/National Grid to deliver a series of landscape enhancement projects of the Longdendale Valley.

Members were satisfied that should the quotes for carrying out the works exceed the funding available there would not be any financial implications for the Authority as Officers would either scale back the proposals or seek additional funding.

The Officer recommendation was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. To approve the proposal to accept the offer from the Landscape Enhancement Initiative Fund of £200,000 for phase 1 of the Longdendale Valley Landscape Enhancement Project.**
- 2. To authorise the Director of Conservation and Planning to accept a further grant of £180,000 from the Landscape Enhancement Initiative Fund if funding is offered for phase 2 of the Longdendale Valley Landscape Enhancement Project.**
- 3. To authorise to the Director of Conservation and Planning, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Audit Resources and Performance Committee, to apply for and, if offered, match funding is secured, accept a further grant offer from the Landscape Enhancement Initiative Fund of up to £200,000 for phase 3 of the Longdendale Valley Landscape Enhancement Project.**
- 4. To authorise the Director of Conservation and Planning to enter into contracts for the delivery of each phase of the project, subject to compliance with procurement standing orders.**

#### **44/17 2017/18 QUARTER 1 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT (A91941/HW)**

The Committee considered a report providing monitoring information for the end of Quarter 1 2017/18 (April to June 2017) on performance against the second year of the Corporate Strategy; monitoring of the corporate risk register; monitoring of Freedom of Information/Environmental Information Regulations requests and monitoring of complaints.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. To note the Quarter 1 Corporate Performance Return, set out in Appendix 1, and approve actions to address any issues identified.**

2. To note the corporate risk register summary given in Appendix 2 and accept the status of risks.
3. To note the status of complaints and Freedom of Information/ Environmental Information Regulations requests, given in Appendix 3.

**45/17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER**

The Committee considered a report providing details of the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) Annual Review of complaints for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

**RESOLVED:**

**To note the Local Government Ombudsman annual review letter set out in Appendix 1.**

The meeting ended at 12.25 pm