

Foreword

Each year our Performance and Business Plan reports on progress and shares priorities for the year ahead. This year's plan closes the second year of our Corporate Strategy and sets out how we will implement the third and final year of our Corporate Strategy.

In January 2018, the Government published '*Green Futures: our 25 year plan to improve the environment*', with an ambition to leave the environment in a better state than they found it to pass onto the next generation.

As we enter 2018/19, we are in a good shape to continue our work to speak up for and nurture the Peak District National Park for all to enjoy forever. We have designed the organisation to be fit for the future. The combined knowledge and expertise of our staff, members and volunteers who care for the 555 square miles of the National Park, alongside our independent and reasoned voice, help us work together with the many land managers, communities and partners who enjoy, live in and work in the National Park. By working together, we can collectively care for the qualities of the Peak District National Park that keep it special for future generations.

Our focus for 2018/19 continues to be to champion what is special about the Peak District National Park, to grow engagement and support for our work and to be a business partner of choice. We will continue to develop the potential of the organisation as well as responding to external opportunities and challenges, such as Brexit.

2018 sees the 15 year anniversary of the Moors for the Future Partnership, the first year anniversary of the South West Peak Partnership and the agreement of a vision for the White Peak Partnership. This means there will now be a landscape partnership covering each National Character Area in the National Park. Work to secure future enhancement of our landscapes post-Brexit is therefore of utmost importance.

2019 is the 70th anniversary of the legislation that set up national parks in the UK and will be the Government's year of action on the environment. Connecting people with the National Park promotes the nation's wellbeing and, as Britain's first and original national park, we are looking at what our contribution will be to the people of the nation for the next 70 years.

Our refreshed National Park Management Plan 2018-2023 will be confirmed this year and will set the ambitions for ourselves and our partners. We will use this plan as we develop our future corporate strategy for 2019-2024, so we do what we can to turn this into a reality. We ask communities and partners to work with us on this.

Thank you to all for your valued contributions as we work together for the Peak District National Park.

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Chairman

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Chief Executive