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## MINUTES

Meeting:	<b>National Park Authority</b>
Date:	Friday 15 March 2019 at 10.00 am
Venue:	The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell
Chair:	Cllr A McCloy
Present:	Cllr D Chapman, Mrs P Anderson, Mr J W Berresford, Cllr D Birkinshaw, Cllr P Brady, Cllr M Chaplin, Cllr C Furness, Cllr A Hart, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Cllr H Laws, Cllr B Lewis, Cllr Mrs C Howe, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr J Perkins, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr Mrs L C Roberts, Mr K Smith, Cllr R Walker and Cllr B Woods
Apologies for absence:	Mr P Ancell, Cllr J Atkin, Cllr C Carr, Cllr A R Favell, Mr Z Hamid, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr J Macrae and Cllr F J Walton.

### 8/19 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair reported that former Member Cllr Judith Twigg was recovering from her recent illness during a visit to Australia and it was understood she would be able to return to the UK soon. Members wished her well for her recovery.

It was noted that a number of present Members were retiring at the end of their current appointments. Cllr Tony Favell and Cllr Lesley Roberts, both former Chairs of the Authority, were standing down at the Parish Member elections in June. Although Cllr Favell was not present, the Chair, on behalf of Members, thanked both him and Cllr Mrs. Roberts for their contribution and hard work.

The Chair also thanked Cllr Caroline Howe and Cllr Jamie Macrae who had both indicated that they were not standing again in the Council elections in May, much appreciating the contribution they had made during their time at the Authority

In addition Mrs Penny Anderson had indicated that she would not be continuing as a Member after her 4 year Secretary of State appointment came to an end in March. The Chair also thanked her stating that she would be missed particularly with regard to her contributions to biodiversity and climate change. There will now be 3 Secretary of State Member vacancies which Defra will be working to recruit to over the coming months.

The Chair highlighted the following events since the last Authority meeting:

- Derby and Derbyshire Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity, D2 Meeting, for Derbyshire Leaders - the Chair had been invited to attend this by Cllr Lewis of Derbyshire County Council and had found the meeting useful and very positive.

- Data from the Ordnance Survey's app and online service had recently found the busiest parts of the country for hikers and had identified that Edale was the most popular place to start a walk in England.
- Visit England Outstanding Contribution to Tourism Award – this prestigious award had been presented to England's National Parks on 11 March. Details of the Experience Collection had been reported to Members at the last Authority meeting. The Chief Executive, Sarah Fowler, together with representatives of other National Parks and the Discover England's National Parks Team, were unaware they had won until they attended the Award ceremony in London on Monday evening. The Chief Executive stated that the award was a testament to work across the National Park family to promote sustainable tourism throughout National Parks and to the most recent work to develop the English National Parks Experience Collection across 9 National Parks.
- Peak District National Park Foundation – registration of the Charity was now complete. Mr Z Hamid, Cllr C McLaren and Cllr A McCloy were the Authority's Member representatives on the Charity which was also comprised of four appointed trustees whom it was hoped would be able to attend a future Authority meeting. The first campaign for the Charity had been announced as 70 for 70 which aimed to raise £70,000 for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1949 National Parks Act. As part of this fundraising, Lorna Fisher, the Authority's Engagement Manager, will be cycling 1600 miles between all 15 UK National Parks in just two weeks. The Chair thanked Officers for their work in setting up the Charity.

The Chair had recently attended the following meetings and events:

- Meeting with the Leader of Cheshire East Council, Cllr Rachel Bailey, this had been a most productive meeting. A meeting had also been arranged with the Leader of Kirklees Council.
- The re-signing of the Derbyshire Armed Forces Covenant.

#### **9/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 1 FEBRUARY 2019**

The minutes of the last Authority meeting held on 1 February 2019 were approved as a correct record.

#### **10/19 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Member declarations of interest.

#### **11/19 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY (A1327/PN)**

The Chief Finance Officer (CFO), Philip Naylor, introduced the report which gave details of the necessary statutory requirements governing Treasury Management functions and asked Members to approve:

- 1) An over-arching Treasury Management Policy Statement.
- 2) An Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy.

The Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy incorporated the requirement to set appropriate Prudential Code indicators and limits, and approve a Minimum Revenue Provision policy.

In response to Members' queries the CFO explained how the borrowing was funded for the Warslow Estate tenancy refurbishment referred to in Appendix 2 of the report and clarified the reference to Standing Orders Section K made in Appendix 1 of the report. He also stated that there were no intermediaries involved in the list of approved lending in Schedule C of Appendix 3 of the report.

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

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To approve the Treasury Management Policy Statement in Appendix 1 of the report.**
- 2. To approve the Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy in Appendix 2 of the report, with specific approval of the Prudential Indicators and borrowing limits (paragraphs 5-13 of the appendix), and the policy on Minimum Revenue Provision (paragraphs 14-15 of the appendix), and adopt the Investment Strategy of North Yorkshire County Council (Appendix 3 of the report).**

**12/19 CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT 25 % OF FEATURES (EF)**

This report had been brought to Members at the request of the Chair and was an early report to make Members aware of the top 25% of special quality features for inclusion in the climate change vulnerability assessment.

The Head of Strategy and Performance, Emily Fox, introduced the report and the team from Moors for the Future who had been commissioned to undertake the project. The team were Diarmuid Crehan, Project Manager, Mollie Hunt and Joe Margetts, Project Officers.

It was noted that the outcomes in Appendix 1 of the report had come from work with Officers and partners. Members would be kept up to date on progress through the year and it was planned to bring a report back on the final vulnerability assessment in Winter 2019.

In response to Members' queries Officers responded with the following points:

- the allocation of features to special qualities shown in Appendix 1 of the report does not mean that they are only part of the allocated special qualities and the allocations will not affect the assessment.
- The team were looking to develop as many contacts as possible to build a network to help learn what is happening now and to influence future work.
- The team will be looking at climate change and other effects but will have to act within their resources.
- If more than the top 25% of features were to be considered at present the project would become more resource intensive.

- The project will be evidence based and the results will be used for internal actions, how the Authority works with partners to deliver the National Park Management Plan and will influence the next National Park Management Plan. The National Park Management Plan Advisory Group will be kept up to date on progress.

The Chair indicated that queries raised by Members regarding the Authority's stance on CO<sup>2</sup> and signage on moors regarding the bilberry bumble bee would be responded to outside of the meeting.

The recommendation to note the report was moved and seconded. This was put to the vote and carried.

**RESOLVED:**

**To note the top 25% of special quality features for inclusion in the climate change vulnerability assessment.**

**13/19 AGREEING THE METHODOLOGY FOR REVIEWING THE NATIONAL PARK LOCAL PLAN (BJT)**

The Head of Policy and Communities introduced the report which requested agreement of the broad timescale and principles for programme management for the full review of the Local Plan for the National Park. He amended recommendation 3 and 4 of the report as follows:

Recommendation 3 – amended to by adding the words ‘subject to the outcomes of the Governance Review’.

Recommendation 4 – amended by deleting the words ‘and scoping’. The words ‘terms of reference and scope’ were also removed and replaced with ‘draft work programme’.

It was agreed to further amend recommendation 3 by adding the words ‘as approved by the Authority’.

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

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To agree the broad timeframe for reviewing the Local Plan set out in paragraphs 17-29 of the report;**
- 2. To delegate responsibility for the management of the project programme to the Director of Conservation and Planning in consultation with the Member Plan Review Steering Group;**
- 3. To establish a Member Plan Review Steering Group for this purpose and approve the draft terms of reference and scope as set out in Appendix 1 of the report subject to the outcome of the Governance Review as approved by the Authority.**
- 4. To confirm that the detailed programme of the review project will be delegated to the Project Team in consultation with the Member Plan Review**

**Steering Group as set out in paragraphs 32 to 37 of the report and they may amend the draft work programme to reflect discussion.**

- 5. To confirm that the Member Plan Review Steering Group may also offer a critical friend role in the production of Supplementary Planning Documents.**
- 6. To confirm that attendance at meetings of the Steering Group is an approved duty.**

The meeting ended at 11.45 am