

7. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT (SF)**

1. **Purpose of the report**

To up-date members on some key items since the previous Authority meeting

2. **Recommendations(s)**

1. **For members to note the report**

3. **Key Items**

**John Muir Awards** – I had the pleasure of giving three John Muir Conserver Awards to our three SW Peak Apprentices recently. The John Muir Award is an environmental award scheme focused on wild places. It encourages people of all backgrounds to connect with, enjoy, and care for wild places. The Conserver award is the highest-level award and requires participants to commit 20 days over 6 months to Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share their experiences. Congratulations to all three apprentices. A number of staff are all working towards their own John Muir Award and it was great to be able to present the first awards, of what I hope will be many, to our SW Peak apprentices.

**The English National Parks Experience Collection – our achievements.** Over the past 18 months a central team, in the Peak District National Park Authority, has been working with sustainable tourism officers across the English National Park Authorities and Visit England to curate a collection of outstanding visitor experiences in our most exceptional landscapes. Each carefully selected, developed and curated to tell the stories of England's stunning National Parks, and their people. A leaflet is available that shares some of the success stories and the outputs achieved by this programme. I would like to thank all of the businesses in the Collection, Visit England and the many partners who worked so hard in developing these new experiences and are now beginning to work with the international travel trade

**Landscapes Review - Final Report.** This independent report was published on 21 September 2019. The report can be found here [Landscapes review: final report - summary of findings - GOV.UK](#). The report sets out its ambition for "our national landscapes to work together with big ambitions so they are happier, healthier, greener, more beautiful and open to everyone. It set ambitious targets as well as recommending new ways of working for protected landscapes and we await the Government's response to this.

**Local validation list had been up-dated** – The Authority's local validation list for planning applications has been amended and now requires applicants to submit details on reducing carbon emissions and incorporate measures to reduce the contribution to climate change. While not a new requirement, it will ensure that applicants tell us how they are addressing the policy requirements of CC1 – Climate change mitigation and adaptation.

**Rural and Wildlife Crime Summit – 26 September 2019.** We had a fantastic turnout at Bakewell Agricultural Business Centre for our Rural and Wildlife Crime Workshop. Jointly hosted with Derbyshire Police the summit was set up to enable learning and to identify ways for the Peak District National Park to be a safe and welcoming place for the communities who live here, those who visit and the wildlife that calls it their home

**Parishes Day 12 October 2019** – Thank you to the Peak Park Parishes Forum for supporting another successful annual event with Parish Councils. The day focussed on visitor and events management to up-date parishes on partnership work undertaken to date, and work that is planned, to encourage enjoyment of the National Park with understanding – a key theme of the National Park Management Plan 2018-19 – and consider solutions for communities.

**Climate Change Summit - 15 October 2019.** A successful Working Towards a Zero Carbon National Park Climate Change Summit was held on Tuesday 15 October at the Pavilion Arts Centre, Buxton. This summit brought organisations together in a collective effort to ensure the National Park plays its part in tackling climate change. The focus of the day was mitigating emissions from land management and transport. A report will be available shortly on the outputs of the day and future progress forms part of the Climate Change Programme that will be led by the Programme and Resources Committee.

**Members Workshops -** On 18 October 2019, we held a workshop for all members on the Authority's Financial Resources. The objectives of this workshop were:

- to provide members with an understanding of the Authority's financial resources
- to obtain views of members in relation to our financial planning assumptions and risks and the development of the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Thank you for members' contribution and feedback on this workshop. The next workshop on 15 November will focus on our people.

**Delivering the 25 Year Environment Plan: woodland creation in upland protected landscapes** – On 22 October 2019 Chatsworth and the Peak District National Park hosted a successful joint seminar between National Parks and the Forestry Commission to celebrate our success with woodland creation and to inform our future thinking and actions across the upland protected landscapes family.

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