

APPENDIX 1

PROGRAMMES AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE CLIMATE CHANGE MEMBER TASK GROUP DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. THE TASK GROUP: COMPOSITION AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

- a) The Task Group will comprise a maximum of six Members.
- b) Members of the Group will agree a Chair.
- c) Group recommendations (which are agreed by a Group majority) to be reported to the Programmes and Resources Committee.
- d) The Group will welcome input and advice from Officers as appropriate.

The Group will act as an advisory body to Programmes and Resources Committee, to develop the Authority's thinking and response to climate change. The Group will not have any decision making powers as these reside with the Programmes and Resources Committee and the Authority.

Reporting lines are to the Programmes and Resources Committee and meetings of the Task Group can be a mixture of formal and informal. There is no requirement to publish agendas and make meetings open to the public. Transparency will be achieved by the requirement for the Task Group to report on its findings and for all recommendations to be formally approved by the Programmes and Resources Committee.

Although there is no budget established for this Task Group, attendance at formal meetings of the Group is classified as an Approved Duty to allow the payment of travel expenses to Members.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Task Group has been created to consider and provide recommendations relating to the following areas of interest and key strategic questions:-

Contextual analysis

Does the Authority fully understand the climate change issues it is facing, including the opportunities and risks in the transition to net zero environment?

Target setting

Is the Authority setting sufficiently ambitious climate change related targets for the Authority and the National Park?

Implementation

Does the Authority have implementation plans that clearly set out the actions it will take to achieve the targets that have been set?

Influencing

Is the Authority leading the way and influencing its key stakeholders, communities, businesses and visitors to address the barriers to achieving further reductions in emissions in order to achieve the targets set?

3. NEED FOR THE GROUP

Climate change is the greatest long-term threat to our upland landscapes. It has the potential to change the features that make up the National Park's natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage. Climate change will modify the Peak District National Park's special qualities and alter the opportunities for the public to enjoy them.

Responsible and inventive management can help to mitigate the effects of climate change by creating and maintaining resilient landscapes. Resilient landscapes consist of fully functioning ecosystems that allow nature and people to adapt to climate change.

Establishing the Member Task Group will:

- Provide a focus for the Authority's response to climate change.
- Provides a strategic oversight of the Authority's climate change actions
- Allows Members a greater opportunity to shape the development of activities undertaken by the Authority to respond to climate change.

It is noted that the Local Plan Member Working Group (LPWG) will consider planning policy relating to climate change. The Climate Change Task Group will therefore make any planning policy related suggestions to the LPWG, as and when appropriate.

4. INITIAL WORK PROGRAMME

It is envisaged that the first meeting of the Task Group will:-

- Review and agree the Draft Terms of Reference of the Task Group
- Clarify the Task Groups' relationships with other existing groups looking at climate change, particularly those involved with the Peak District National Park Management Plan delivery and oversight.
- Discuss and agree an initial work programme, based upon the diagram shown in Appendix 1 of the report presented to the Programmes and Resources Committee on 4th October 2019 which set out the Authority's current ambition and the range of activities. An initial activity for the Task Group will be to identify a suitable methodology for the calculation of emissions for the National Park, which can be used to set targets and monitor progress.

The work plan will be presented to the Programmes and Resources Committee for approval and will outline the expectations, deliverables and timelines required to deliver on the Group's Terms of Reference.