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#### **MINUTES**

Meeting: Programmes and Resources Committee

Date: Friday 17 January 2020 at 10.00 am

Venue: Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell

Chair: Mr Z Hamid

Present: Mr J W Berresford, Cllr J Atkin, Cllr C Farrell, Cllr C Furness,

Prof J Haddock-Fraser, Cllr B Lewis, Cllr A McCloy, Cllr C McLaren,

Cllr P Tapping, Mrs C Waller, Ms Y Witter and Cllr B Woods

Apologies for absence: Cllr Mrs G Heath, Cllr V Priestley and Cllr R Walker

#### 1/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2019

The minutes of the last meeting held on 6 December 2019 were approved as a correct record.

#### 2/20 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

# 3/20 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

# 4/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

## 5/20 MICRO SCRUTINY - MINOR PROPERTIES

The Committee considered a report on a request received by the Chair of the Committee to undertake a micro scrutiny review of the process for disposing of minor properties. The Committee was asked to consider this request to determine whether a micro scrutiny was appropriate in this case and if so set up a Scrutiny Panel.

As he had made the request Cllr A McCloy provided details on why he thought this was a suitable topic for Member Scrutiny. It was agreed that, as the Officers involved had already carried out a review of the process, this report would be the starting point to make sure it addressed the following issues identified by Members:

How the process could be improved.

- The timescales for carrying out the disposal process and the resources allocated to it.
- Whether the process represented value for money.
- If best practice was followed.
- Possible improvements to consultation and community involvement.

In terms of timescale it was agreed that the review would be completed so that a final report could be considered at the meeting of the Committee to be held on 15 May 2020.

## **RESOLVED:**

- 1) To establish a Panel of four Members of the Programmes and Resources Committee to carry out a Micro-Scrutiny of the process for disposing of minor properties.
- 2) To appoint Cllr C Furness, Prof J Haddock-Fraser, Cllr A McCloy and Cllr B Woods to the Panel and confirm that attendance at meetings of the Panel will be an approved duty.
- 3) To ask the Panel to report back to the meeting of the Committee to be held on Friday 15 May 2020.

# 6/20 THE ENGLISH NATIONAL PARKS EXPERIENCE COLLECTION - APPLICATION TO YEAR 5 DISCOVER ENGLAND FUND 2020/21

The Director of Corporate Strategy & Development presented a report seeking approval to submit a £250,000 bid to round five of the Visit England Discover England Fund to further develop the English National Parks Experience Collection. The report also asked that, should the bid be approved, the Chief Executive be authorised to accept the funding and appoint as necessary the resources to implement the work programme.

In considering the report Members asked for feedback about how successful the previous project had been. It was confirmed that consultants were in the process of finalising an impact assessment which could be used to inform future delivery if the bid was approved. Some Members suggested that the next stage should consider sustainable tourism particularly encouraging domestic overnight visitors.

It was noted that the project was dependent on match funding and that the Authority and the bid partners had identified sources of this match funding.

## **RESOLVED:**

- 1. To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Heads of Law and Finance and the National Park Authorities Sustainable Tourism Officers Group, to finalise and submit an application by the Peak District National Park Authority, as the accountable body, to the Visit England Discover England Year 5 projects of a value up to £250,000.
- 2. If the bid is successful, to delegate to the Chief Executive authority to:
  - accept the grant and enter into a grant agreement with Visit England to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Heads of Law and Finance

- enter into partnership arrangements and all necessary work to implement the actions within the bid (including recruitment of fixed term posts) to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Sustainable Tourism Officers Group of the National Park Authorities and Director of Commercial Development and Engagement, and on recruitment matters the Head of Human Resources.
- 3. To confirm that the Authority may, subject to compliance with procurement standing orders, enter into contracts for the delivery of the programme.

During consideration of this item Cllr B Lewis declared a personal interest in this item as he had been appointed as a Local Government Association representative on the steering group meeting of the previous Discover England National Parks programme.

## 7/20 EXEMPT INFORMATION S100 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

#### **RESOLVED:**

To exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of agenda Item 9 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, paragraph 3 'information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)'

## **PART B**

SUMMARY:

8/20 Insurance Contract