

6. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT (SLF)**

1. **Purpose of the report**

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

2. **Recommendation**

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

3. **Key Items**

Roadmap to cautiously ease lockdown restrictions. On 22 February 2021 the Prime Minister announced the government's four-step roadmap to cautiously ease lockdown restrictions in England. A summary of this roadmap for the Peak District National Park Authority can be seen at appendix 1. Officers are using this roadmap to help the Authority plan our operational activity appropriately. We are also working closely with a wide range of partners to collaborate in preparing across the National Park to the easing of the lockdown restriction. Appendix 2 identifies the operating framework, which takes a cross park approach, as well as an area management approach in particularly critical areas where a multi-agency approach is required. The strategic objectives we are working to are:

1. To support government messages and follow government guidance
2. To co-ordinate our response with our partners
3. To support a safe welcome for visitors and a safe home for residents and wildlife, with a particular focus on sensitive hot spots and recognising this is about management to mitigate tensions
4. To enable our staff to operate in line with government messages and support their well-being
5. To understand and manage down business costs and losses

All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for National Parks – On 2nd March 2021 the All Party Parliamentary Group for National Parks met, supported by National Parks England. The focus was on the benefits of access to national parks to our mental well-being. There were inspirational talks from Rehna Yasen (from the Lindley Educational Trust, based near the Peak District National Park) and Layne Hamerston (from Bournemouth University and the Nature Health Network) who spoke about the value of nature and access to National Parks to mental well-being and the barriers to access and connectedness. This highlighted the importance of the work we are collectively doing with the National Parks England four Delivery Plans.

Parishes Bulletin 39 – an up-dated Parishes Bulletin will be sent to parishes later this month and we will seek to get a wider circulation of it. This bulletin will be forwarded to Members as well.

4. **Appendices**

Appendix 1: PDNPA roadmap information.

Appendix 2: Framework to planning for the easing of lockdown restrictions.

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