



Context setting – external drivers

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March – National Park Grant for 2021/22 confirmed by Defra. Our grant is £6.7m, represents a flat cash rollover of the budget we received in 2020/21

April – Natural England launch of refreshed Countryside Code

May - New Minister appointed for Protected Landscapes, Lord Benyon

June – Written Ministerial Statement on the Glover review . High level setting out:

- the importance of protected landscapes for nature’s recovery and for public access.
- the government intends to consult on fuller proposals later in the year.
- considering designation of new AONBs and extensions to Surrey Hills & Chilterns AONB.

June – launch of new Farming in Protected landscapes funding programme. A three year transition funding programme for farmers and land managers:

- £1.2 million this year in the Peak District
- supports farmers & land managers get ready for 2024 & greater public good delivery
- A focus on climate, nature, people and place

September – cabinet re-shuffle, implications?



The five themes remain alive for Defra to consider :

- Landscapes alive for nature and beauty – 30 x 30
- Landscapes for everyone – Generation Green with YHA
- Living in landscapes – implications of changes to planning policy
- More special places
- New ways of working – consideration of a National Landscapes Service



Priorities for collaboration:

- **Climate leadership** - we will work together, and at scale, to achieve rapid action towards net zero in National Parks.
- **Nature recovery** - we are places where wildlife flourishes, habitats are maintained, restored, and expanded, and where everyone can experience nature and wildlife at their best. Strong local partnerships in each National Park will deliver 20% of the government's nature recovery target on 10% of the land
- **National Parks for Everyone** - Everyone should be able to discover and engage with protected landscapes to benefit the health and wellbeing of the whole nation.
- **Future of farming** - celebrated as living, working landscapes where sustainable farming and land management systems deliver a wide range of public goods; farmers receive a sustainable and realistic income and National Park Authorities play a central role in shaping those systems.

