

**6. INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT (AMC)**

**1. Purpose of the report**

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

**2. Recommendations(s)**

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

**3. Key Items**

**Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL)**

Defra have now published a compendium of Farming in Protected Landscapes projects produced by National Parks England and this has been sent by Defra to constituent MPs for England's National Parks. A copy of the compendium can be found [here](#).

We have also produced information to share of examples of the projects within the Peak District National Park (a copy of which is attached as appendix 1) and a link below will take you to further details on the Authority's website:

[Case studies - Farming in Protected Landscapes 2022: Peak District National Park](#)

**Working together: Moors for the Future Partnership**

A new film 'Working Together: Moors for the Future Partnership' celebrates nearly 20 years of partnership working across a vast area of moorland, telling the story of people coming together to protect precious blanket bogs for the benefit of people, the planet and wildlife into the future. The film is released as the Partnership's MoorLIFE 2020 project, which has been one of the major MFFP projects for the past 7 years, comes to an end. The film showcases the Partnership's pioneering peatland restoration work, the evidence that underpins it and the innovative ways of communicating about the importance of blanket bog.

The Partnership, set up in 2003 and led by the Peak District National Park Authority, has raised over £45 million to restore over 34 square kilometres of bare and eroding peat and created 3 square kilometres of native clough woodlands across the Peak District and South Pennines.

You can watch the film here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDVSVRIxNLU>

**New evidence shows how blanket bogs can protect communities from flooding**

Moors for the Future participated in five-year study of upland natural flood management which has recently presented its final results. The Protect Natural Flood Management (NFM) project, run by the University of Manchester, was one of three Natural Environment Research Council research projects. It assessed the impacts of different forms of gully blocking and restoration of sphagnum cover in the West of the Peak District and South Pennines. This area has been identified as having 22 communities at risk from flooding.

The research was aimed at optimising natural flood management in headwater catchments to protect downstream communities. In the case study of Glossop, they found that planting sphagnum moss delivers most of the NFM benefit by increasing surface roughness. The study also showed that leaky dams were an important technique in reducing flood peaks.

This important research shows that vegetation, and in particular sphagnum moss, is a key tool for natural flood management as well as for its carbon storage potential. It is hoped that this knowledge will assist in unlocking future funding for increasing resilience to flooding by restoring moorlands across the Peak District and South Pennines.

More information on the work of Moors for the Future website [here](#).

### **Bakewell Affordable Housing Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Award**

A new affordable housing scheme in Bakewell delivered by Platform Housing Group which has won an award presented by the RTPI. It is an exception site which means it is 100% for affordable homes and is located adjacent to Lady Manners School. In total 30 homes have been provided for affordable rent through the Housing Association and the money from the sale of the land, which was previously owned by Lady Manners School, has enabled the delivery of enhanced sports facilities at the school.

The houses are built in local limestone to reflect the local character and the whole approach of policy, partnership, and the design and place ethos was recognised at the East Midlands RTPI Planning Awards where it was highly commended. A great result for the town, our partners and for the input of our planners and legal team.

Most recently this was led by our senior planner Andrea Needham who joined Brian Taylor to receive the award from the RTPI on Wednesday 20 July and you can find more information via a YouTube video which can be viewed via this link <https://youtu.be/9B-DjQEYr9I>.

### **National Parks England Bulletin**

The latest NPE Bulletin which provides highlights of the work of their work over the past six weeks which can be accessed via this [link](#).

Jo Swiers has now taken on the role of interim Executive Director at NPE whilst Hoda Grey is on maternity leave.

## **4. Appendices**

### **Appendix 1 – Farming in Protected Landscapes Case Studies**

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