
MINUTES

Meeting:	National Park Authority
Date:	Friday 2 December 2022 at 10.00 am
Venue:	Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell
Chair:	Cllr A McCloy
Present:	Mr J W Berresford, Cllr W Armitage, Cllr P Brady, Cllr M Chaplin, Cllr D Chapman, Cllr C Farrell, Cllr C Furness, Cllr C Greaves, Cllr A Gregory, Prof J Haddock-Fraser, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr D Murphy, Cllr V Priestley, Miss L Slack, Mr K Smith, Cllr P Tapping, Ms Y Witter and Cllr B Woods
Apologies for absence:	Ms A Harling, Cllr A Hart, Cllr I Huddleston, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr K Richardson, Cllr D Taylor and Cllr J Wharmby.

94/22 ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

95/22 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

96/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present to make representations to the Authority Meeting.

97/22 CHAIR'S BRIEFING

The Chair gave the following verbal updates:

- The visit that had been expected from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary Minister for National Parks, Trudy Harrison, had been postponed but should take place before the end of December.
- The disposal of the Brosterfield site had been completed.

98/22 ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2023-28 AND AUTHORITY PLAN 2023-28

The report, which sought approval to adopt the National Park Management Plan ('NPMP') 2023-28 and Authority Plan 2023-28, was introduced by the Chief Executive ('CEO').

The CEO, and the Deputy Chair of the Authority who chairs the National Park Management Plan Task and Finish Group, thanked Officers and Members for their work on the NPMP and Authority Plan.

This was endorsed by the Chair who advised that he and the CEO would be promoting the NPMP in upcoming meetings with key partners.

It was expected that DEFRA, in the New Year would be producing Guidance for NPMP's and in addition an outcome framework which intends to establish targets for Protected Landscapes and the NPMP could be revised in the light of these if it was deemed necessary.

A motion to approve the recommendations as set out in the report was moved.

Members raised the following points:

- The NPMP being central to objective setting for Officers was welcomed and it was suggested that this could be tied in with improvements to the process for the assessment of Member performance, if Member's objectives were also linked to the NPMP.
- On page 67 of the Authority Plan, Objective 10 regarding Thriving and Sustainable Communities should be worded more broadly than "housing authorities" as housing is also provided by other organisations and by individuals. "Housing providers" would be more reflective of the situation which was accepted by Officers.
- On page 19, it should be stated in the target as well as in the objective, that it refers to emissions within the Authority's influence.
- It was suggested that Objective 2, on page 19, should lead the Authority to reconsider its current approach to funding the Moors for the Future Partnership.

Members asked what the role of the Management Plan Advisory Group would be in the future. The CEO advised that the Group was constituted for the term of the current Management Plan and its future role would be considered, in consultation with the Group, in due course.

The motion to approve the recommendations was seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To adopt the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2023- 28 provided at Appendix 1 of the report.**
- 2. To adopt the Authority Plan 2023-28 provided at Appendix 2 of the report.**

3. **That any changes needed in the final National Park Management Plan 2023-28, as a result of giving partners notice to adopt the Plan, are delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority.**

99/22 PEAK DISTRICT LANDSCAPE STRATEGY 2023-32

The report, which sought approval for the Peak District Landscape Strategy 2023-32 was presented by the Natural Environment and Rural Economy Manager and the Landscape Architect.

The meeting adjourned at 10.46 due to the sounding of the fire alarm and reconvened at 11.00.

Cllr Gregory left the meeting at 11.00.

Members congratulated Officers on the document, which it was agreed was an excellent read as well as an exemplary piece of work.

Members made the following suggestions

- There may be benefit in producing a summary document or an interactive map, to point users towards the content that is particularly relevant to them.
- A long-term view should be taken regarding the management of the trees and the effect of new trees on ecosystems which ties in with the recently approved Wooded Landscape Plan.
- The document sets out the impact of people on the National Park, e.g. damage to walls, increased car parking, but this was not incorporated into the strategy so would need to be picked up elsewhere.
- Further consideration should be given to how the aims of the strategy will be achieved and monitored. Members should then be informed how the issues set out in the strategy are addressed.
- There is no mention of the damage done to the landscape by off road vehicles.
- The Landscape Strategy contributes to the vision of the recently approved National Park Management Plan 2023-28 rather than having its own vision.
- GIS could be used to monitor loss of dry-stone walls.

A motion to approve the recommendations as set out in the report was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

To adopt the revised Landscape Strategy 2023-32, subject to any further amendments arising from outstanding consultation responses, acceptance of which is delegated to the Head of Landscape in consultation with the Authority's Chair and Deputy Chair.

100/22 2022/23 REVISED REVENUE BUDGET

The report which presented revisions to the 2022/23 revenue budget as a result of external economic factors in year, was presented by the Head of Finance whom explained that the Authority was required to set a balanced revenue budget and that she was recommending the introduction of a vacancy factor at 4% for 2022/23 and future years.

A motion to approve the recommendations as set out in the report was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To approve the changes to the revenue budget for 2022/23 set out in Table three of the report at paragraph 25.**
- 2. To approve the introduction of a vacancy factor at 4% when revising the Authority pay budget for 2022/23 and setting the Authority pay budget following financial years**

The meeting ended at 11.30 am