

13. AUTHORITY PLAN 2023-28 UPDATE AND YEAR 2 LOOK FORWARD (2024/25 DECILE 3 & 4)

1. Purpose of the report

This report provides Members with the updated Authority Plan 2023-28 and Year 2 look forward actions for 2024-25.

Key Issues

- National Park Authorities are required to produce and update a National Park Management Plan every 5 years.
- National Park Management Plans are the over-arching strategic document for the place and set the vision and objectives that guides the future of the National Park.
- Our Authority Plan sets out how we will deliver to the statutory purposes and duty of the National Park and is structured around our enabling delivery aim to be an inspiring and pioneering organisation.
- The Authority Plan has been updated following the organisational change process and the first six monthly Progress Report (Decile 1). This update focused on ensuring the actions were fit for purpose and that performance could be clearly monitored via the critical success factors. The 8 strategic objectives of the plan remain unchanged.

2. Recommendations(s)

1. **Members approve the updated Authority Plan 23-28 provided at Appendix 1 of the report.**
2. **Members approve the Year 2 look forward actions provided at Appendix 2 of the report.**
3. **That any necessary changes to the proposed wording of the updated Authority Plan 23-28 are delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair.**

3. How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

Requirement to produce and update the National Park Management Plan

1. Section 66 of 1995 Environment Act requires National Park Authorities to produce a National Park Management Plan which 'formulates policy for the management of the relevant Park and for the carrying out of its functions in relation to that Park'. This should be updated at least every 5 years.
2. The Authority Plan sets the high-level direction of the Authority and identifies the outcomes that we wish to achieve over the longer-term. It sets out how the Authority will deliver its commitment to the National Park Management Plan and work to the purposes and duty of the National Park.

4. Background Information

The Peak District National Park Management Plan 2023-28 and the Authority Plan 23-28 were adopted by the Authority at its meeting on the 2nd December 2022.

The new digital Authority Progress Report was presented to Members on 10th November 2023 and provided an overview of the Authority's performance over the

first six months of the five year plan - decile 1.

Following the organisational change process which commenced in Year 1 of the Authority Plan and the monitoring of performance for the Authority Progress Report - Mid Year (Decile 1), a number of potential changes to the Authority Plan 23-28 were identified.

5. Proposals

The Authority Plan update process

An update was deemed appropriate to ensure the plan actions were relevant and that performance can be measured appropriately as the organisation moves forward into Year 2 of the plan period. Specifically, changes have been made to:

- All actions have been reviewed, most have been refined, some new actions have been identified in order to respond to our evolving needs as an organisation, and a small number of completed actions have been removed.
- All Critical Success Factors have been reviewed and amended to ensure they are measurable and time limited (or specify the establishment of such measures).
- All actions have been removed from this Authority Plan which detail the Authority's independent contribution to the delivery of the NPMP. These actions are essentially duplicated from the National Park Management Plan (NPMP). NPMP delivery is co-dependant on factors affecting partnership performance. Many of these factors are outside of our, or our partner's, direct control making the NPMP actions and critical success factors inappropriate performance measures for the Authority.
- For transparency, allocation of resources will be reported by service to highlight activity delivered under the Enabling Delivery aim and activity which directly delivers to the four NPMP aims with partners. NPMP delivery progress, the investment and added value generated through partnership working will be reported in future National Park Management Plan Annual Monitoring Reports.

6. Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

1. Financial:

There have been no changes to the financial budget for the Authority.

2. Risk Management:

Nothing to note.

3. Sustainability:

Nothing to note.

4. Equality

Nothing to note.

7. Climate Change

How does this decision contribute to the Authority's role in climate change set out in the UK Government Vision and Circular for National Parks?

1. How does this decision contribute to the Authority meeting its carbon net zero target?
NA

2. How does this decision contribute to the National Park meeting carbon net zero by 2050?
NA
3. Are there any other Climate Change related issues that are relevant to this decision that should be brought to the attention of Members?
NA.

8. Background papers (not previously published)

None

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Authority Plan 2023-28 (2024 Update)

Appendix 2 - Authority Plan Programme Year 2 - 24/25

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