

16. **PROPOSED DERBYSHIRE DALES DISTRICT COUNCIL AND PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY JOINT WORKING GROUP ON HOUSING IN THE NATIONAL PARK AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

1. **Purpose of the report**

To agree to a Joint Working Group with Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) regarding housing in the National Park and to appoint 3 Members to the Joint Working Group.

Key Issues

- **Furthering the aims of the National Park Management Plan with respect to Thriving Communities.**
- **Agreeing member appointments to enable commencement of the group.**

2. **Recommendations**

1. **To agree to set up a Joint Working Group with DDDC regarding Housing in the National Park.**
2. **To appoint 3 Members to the DDDC and PDNPA Joint Working Group on Housing in the National Park.**
3. **To confirm that attendance at meetings of the Joint Working Group is an approved duty for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances as set out in Schedule 2 of the Members' Allowance Scheme.**

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

3. The National Park Management Plan (NPMP) sets the vision for the National Park and the context for the Local Plan. The Management Plan says that by 2028 we will have:
 - a Local Plan that Enables people with local roots to live in or return to the National Park;
 - Helps families to remain together in mutual support Addresses a range of second and holiday home issues;
 - Addresses a range of local population issues;
 - Increases the stock of affordable housing protected in perpetuity through housing associations, local housing trusts, and opportunities for individuals to own their own home.
4. This Joint Working Group will help to understand how to achieve better outcomes in delivery of the NPMP.

Background Information

5. This Joint Working Group is being proposed following discussions with DDDC and will enable mutual understanding of the issues involved with the planning and delivery of housing in the DDDC areas within and outside of the Peak District National Park and to share and discuss information. It will seek to deliver better local outcomes and more joined-up policy approaches to the provision of housing in the Peak District National Park and the Derbyshire Dales (outside the PDNPA).
6. The proposed terms of reference for the Joint Working Group are shown in Appendix 1

of this report.

7. It is proposed that there will be 6 Members on the Joint Working Group, 3 from DDDC and 3 from PDNPA, together with 2 Officers from each Authority. As the terms of reference for the Joint Working Group link to the Local Plan it may be prudent to appoint Members who are already appointed to the Authority's Local Plan Review Member Steering Group.

Proposals

8. To agree to set up a Joint Working Group with DDDC regarding housing in the National Park, to appoint 3 Members to the Joint Working Group and that attendance at meetings is an approved duty, for the purposes of travel and subsistence, in accordance with the Members Allowances scheme.

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

Financial:

9. Travel and subsistence costs for Members attending meetings are covered within existing budgets.

Risk Management:

10. Establishment of the working group improves partnership working and thereby reduces the reputational and political risks around thriving community aims and affordable housing delivery. A working group can help raise awareness and increase mutual respect of the different roles and issues impacting on partner authorities.

Sustainability:

11. The delivery of further schemes of affordable housing compatible with our statutory purposes will strengthen the sustainability of our communities and the National Park.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion:

12. In itself a working group is a more inclusive and engaging mechanism to help deliver the National Park Management Plan. This particular group is aimed at addressing specific local needs impacting on families and individuals in need of affordable housing which then drives more inclusive communities. The Local Plan review will undertake a sustainability appraisal which will consider the impacts on people and mitigations that may be needed.

13. Climate Change

1. 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?
 - a. Educators in climate change
 - b. Exemplars of sustainability
 - c. Protecting the National Park
 - d. Leading the way in sustainable land management
 - e. Exemplars in renewable energy

f. Working with communities

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

The Local Plan review will consider the scope to mitigate all development from carbon emissions and will be produced in conjunction with a new design code to consider the scope for sustainable design and considerations of embodied carbon.

14. Background papers (not previously published)

None.

15. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Proposed Terms of Reference.

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