

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT (PM)

1. Purpose

To up-date Members of key items since the previous Authority meeting and to give an update on corporate risks.

2. Context

2.1 This report is a regular communication to share key internal and external messages and information with Members. It outlines information and changes in the internal and external environment that provides context to other reports presented to Members.

3. Proposals

3.1 As the last CEO Report was only a couple of weeks ago, there is not much to report to Members. The most significant development has been the outcome of the General Election and the formation of a new government. The appointment of Defra Ministers will be important for the National Park. At the time of writing the report this process has not been completed and it is currently unknown who the new Minister responsible for National Parks will be. It is also too early to say what major policy directions Defra will take and how these will impact on National Park or more generally what the funding outcomes for National Parks are going to be.

3.2 All constituencies which contain parts of the National Park are listed below. Three existing MPs have held their seats, with six new MPs being elected. Congratulation/introduction letters have been sent to all the MPs.

Name	Constituency	Party
John Whitby	Derbyshire Dales	Labour GAIN
Debbie Abrahams	Oldham	Labour HOLD
Olivia Blake	Sheffield Hallam	Labour HOLD
Karen Bradley	Staffordshire Moorlands	Conservative HOLD
Marie Tidball	Penistone & Stocksbridge	Labour GAIN
Paul Davies	Colne Valley, West Yorks	Labour GAIN
Tim Roca	Macclesfield	Labour GAIN
Louise Jones	North East Derbyshire	Labour GAIN
Jonathan Brian Pearce	High Peak	Labour GAIN

3.3 Since the last CEO report I have attended a meeting of the Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP). Interesting data was presented on visitor numbers and patterns. The data seems to confirm our understanding that most visitors travel a relatively short distance to access the National Park and are making repeated visits. There was further confirmation that the amount of holiday accommodation has significantly increased since the Covid pandemic and also that occupancy rates are under 50%, although this is higher than in other tourism hotspots such as Cornwall and the Lake District. All the data has been passed on to the group reviewing the impact of National Park Users, which will also review the outcomes of our own current visitor survey.

3.4 By the time of the Authority meeting we should have held the first Peak Park Summit with Nicolle Ndiweni, the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner. Ahead of the Summit meeting we are taking Nicolle on a site visit with partners to Stanage

Edge as part of an introduction/familiarisation with the National Park. A verbal update will be given on 26th July.

- 3.5 On 25th July National Parks UK is due to announce that our National Parks are the first in the world to sign up to the UN's Race to Zero pledge. Local case studies will be made available and sit alongside national media engagement.
- 3.6 Corporate risks are presented to Members in full at the beginning, middle and end of each year as part of our performance reporting cycle. The next full risk report will be presented to Members at the November Authority meeting. This report presents changes to our risk environment so far during the year.

Detailed changes are as follows:

1. Removed risk: Reputational risks (Ref: 24/25A)

Low Likelihood – Low Impact (**Green**)

This is a rolling risk associated with the organisational change process which is now complete, therefore there are no further reputational risks based on the change process not being managed sensitively or appropriately.

2. Amended risk: Injury/Loss of life & property damage due to unsafe trees

(Ref: 22/23E)

High likelihood – High impact (**Red**)

The programme of works is underway, however until remedial actions have been undertaken this presents a significant risk to the Authority. Increased from a Medium likelihood – Medium impact (Amber) risk.

3. Removed risk: Derwent Valley reservoir expansion (Ref: 23/24H)

Low Likelihood – High Impact (**Amber**)

Reservoir expansion plans by Yorkshire Water/Severn Trent will no longer go ahead. Risk removed from register.

4. Amended risk: National scale new infrastructure Impact - CO2 Pipeline

(Ref: 24/25P)

High likelihood – High impact (**Red**)

The Authority will not be able to apply local policies and determine any application for such development as it constitutes a major infrastructure project being determined through a Development Consent Order by the Planning Inspectorate. Early advice has been offered on the scale and options for pipelines and strategic planning resource has been carved out to oversee such developments. However if the two CO² pipelines go ahead as initially proposed this presents a significant risk to our Special Qualities, for example large scale disturbance and impact to landscape character impacting on public enjoyment of the landscape throughout the period of works. Furthermore, while there is scope for long-term restoration of the landscape there is significant concern over the impacts to wildlife habitats and archaeology unless the routing plans can be kept to a minimum. Increased from a Medium likelihood – High impact (Amber) risk.

5. New risk: Expansion of permitted development rights (Ref: 24/25Q)

Medium Likelihood – High Impact (**Amber**)

Escalated from Planning service risk register. Specific developments (as detailed in risk) are not currently significant in the Park, however evidence gathering is about to commence and a process to deal with such cases is required.

6. Removed risk: Engagement service capacity to deliver NPMP (Ref: 23/24F)
Medium Likelihood – Medium Impact (**Amber**)
Organisational change process complete for this service. Risk removed from register.

4. Recommendations

1. For Members to note the report.

5. Corporate Implications

- a. Legal
None
- b. Financial
None
- c. National Park Management Plan and Authority Plan
Implications of the various risks to delivering these are updated at paragraph 3.6 and should be noted.
- d. Risk Management
An element of the role of Members in risk is to monitor the management of significant risks twice yearly. The updates at paragraph 3.6 provide an overview of movements in risk since the start of year corporate risk register was agreed at the May 2024 Authority meeting.
- e. Net Zero
None

6. Background papers (not previously published)

None.

7. Appendices

None.

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