
MINUTES

Meeting:	Programmes and Resources Committee
Date:	Friday 24 January 2025 at 10.45 am
Venue:	Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell
Chair:	Prof J Dugdale
Present:	C Greaves, J W Berresford, C O'Leary, K Rustidge, K Smith, Dr R Swetnam, S Thompson, Y Witter and A Martin
Apologies for absence:	C Farrell, A Gregory, G Heath, A Nash, B Woods and P Brady

1/25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2024

The Chair welcomed Amanda Martin, the Boardroom Apprentice, to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 6th December 2024, were approved as a correct record.

2/25 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

3/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public had given notice to make representations at the meeting.

4/25 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Member declarations of interest.

5/25 REVIEW OF SAFEGUARDING POLICY (2025)

Natalie Webster, HR Adviser, presented the report which was to approve the revised Safeguarding Policy for 2025.

It was noted that although there is policy in place currently there is no Member scrutiny of this policy. The Safeguarding Policy has been reviewed and the intention is for this policy to align with Occupational Safety and Health and bring a more detailed report to the committee in April each year. The minor changes to the policy were discussed and are outlined in point 2.5 of the report.

Members asked if Volunteers are included in the report and it was clarified that they are included in point 3 of the policy. It was felt that a little more clarity and definition regarding Volunteers would be useful.

It was discussed that not all posts require a DBS check. DBS checks are undertaken as and when a risk assessment of a post indicates a need.

The recommendations as set out in the report, were moved and seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the revised Safeguarding Policy (2025) be approved as Authority policy from 24 January 2025.**
- 2. That the Programmes and Resources Committee review the Safeguarding Policy on an annual basis to ensure it is up to date with both the Authority organisation and arrangements to deliver safeguarding, and with current legislation.**

6/25 REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH POLICY (2025)

Natalie Webster, HR Adviser, presented the report which was to approve the new Occupational Safety and Health Policy for 2025.

It was noted that the Health and Safety committee has been renamed the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Committee. There has been some minor revisions to the policy to reflect changes to the incident reporting arrangements.

The recommendation as set out in the report, was moved and seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

That the revised Occupational Safety and Health Policy (2025) be approved as Authority policy from 26 January 2025.

7/25 THRIVING COMMUNITIES THEME UPDATE

Brian Taylor, Head of Planning was present for this item to inform Members about the Authority's progress since April 2024, with respect to the Aims and Objectives of the National Park Management Plan in relation to Thriving Communities and what this means for the future.

Members asked about the flexibility of planning policy regarding business space and the setting aside of space for specific use.

A question was asked about the former government levelling up and regeneration act regarding the registration of holiday homes and their impact on thriving communities and there is still discussions taking place over this. The focus of the new government is on building new homes. The Authority does have the power of the legislative framework to constrain development. Strategic Planning was discussed and that combined mayoral authorities do have a wider picture of the areas. The "Duty to Seek to Further" was mentioned and how this will pan out in future.

The Members asked how representative were the responses to the Local Plan as there was no way of identifying any demographic characteristics of the respondents. It is possible to identify if the response has come from a Parish Council but not the demographics of individual respondents.

12.58pm Chris O'Leary left the meeting.

The attendance at the Parish's Day is limited however it is encouraging to see that more Parishes are attending the planning training.

13:05pm James Beresford left the meeting.

The recommendation as set out in the report, was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

To note the progress report for the National Park Management Plan Thriving Communities Theme.

The meeting ended at 1.07 pm