

A. FULL AUTHORITY

1. The Full Authority shall exercise all the powers, duties and functions of the Authority, that are not specifically delegated to a Committee under this part of Standing Orders or Officers under Part 7.
2. Any arrangements made by the Authority for the discharge of any of its functions by a Committee, Sub-Committee or an Officer shall not prevent the Full Authority from exercising those functions.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, within the delegation scheme, the following powers, duties and functions are specifically reserved to be exercised by the Full Authority:
 - (a) Approval of the Standing Orders for the conduct of the business of the Authority.
 - (b) Election of the Authority Chair and Deputy Chair.
 - (c) Appointment of Members to Committees, Sub-Committees and Advisory Groups and Appointment of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs.
 - (d) Approval of a Calendar of Meetings for the discharge of the business of the Authority.
 - (e) Appointment of Members or Officers to outside bodies.
 - (f) Appointment of Independent Persons.
 - (g) Consideration of statutory reports from:
 - (i) The Monitoring Officer under S5 Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
 - (ii) The Chief Finance Officer under S114 Local Government Finance Act 1988.
 - (iii) The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman under Local Government Act 1974.
 - (iv) The Head of Paid Service under S4 Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
 - (h) Approval of the Annual Budget, including the issuing of a levy under the Local Government Finance Act 1988 if required.
 - (i) Approval of Annual Treasury Management Policy Statement and Capital Programme.
 - (j) The exercise of the Authority's powers of borrowing.
 - (k) The determination of all constitutional and funding issues affecting the Authority and its Members.
 - (l) Approval of the Members' Allowances Scheme.
 - (m) Approval of the Members' Code of Conduct & relevant Protocols and overseeing their operation by:-
 - (i) Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Members.
 - (ii) Considering reports presented by the Monitoring Officer or the Independent Persons.

- (iii) Approving procedures for the proper investigation by the Monitoring Officer of allegations of misconduct relating to the Code of Conduct.
- (n) Agreeing all matters relating to Member Learning and Development including approval of the Members' annual training programme and training on the Member Code of Conduct and supporting protocols.
- (o) Appointment and dismissal of the Chief Executive (National Park Officer), Monitoring Officer, Chief Finance Officer and Heads of Service.
- (p) Disciplinary proceedings concerning the Chief Executive (National Park Officer), Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer.
- (q) Approval of the strategies, policies, plans and programmes that guide the Authority in the discharge of its powers and duties.
- (r) Approval of all Internal and External Audit matters including:
 - (i) Annual Governance Statement
 - (ii) Internal Audit Plan and Audit Reports
 - (iii) Risk Management Assurance Frameworks and Assurance Planning
 - (iv) Value for Money and Best Value
 - (v) Countering Fraud and Corruption
 - (vi) External Audit
 - (vii) Financial Reporting
 - (viii) Partnership Governance
 - (ix) Treasury Management
- (s) Approval of the Annual Performance and Business Plan.
- (t) Approval of the Corporate Risk Assessment Strategy and the Asset Management Plan.
- (u) Approval of the Authority's Performance Management framework and Performance Indicators and to monitor the performance of the Authority within the Framework including the Corporate Risk Assessment Strategy and Register.
- (v) Adoption of a Local Development Scheme and Local Development Documents prepared under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and reviews of the documents.
- (w) Adoption of the National Park Management Plan under the Environment Act 1995.
- (x) Approval of the Authority's Publication Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
- (y) To determine an Authority response on any proposals that affect the National Park or the Authority, its powers, duties, functions and responsibilities, particularly but not exclusively, from central, regional or local government, neighbouring authorities, partnerships and other external bodies except:
 - (i) where the Chief Executive considers that such response should be determined by Officers, or a Committee or Sub-Committee.
- (z) The determination of any matters which are referred for decision by any Committee of the Authority.