

INCORPORATING PROTECTED LANDSCAPES TARGETS AND OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK TARGETS INTO THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2023-2028

1. Purpose

- 1.1 For Members to approve the incorporation of the Protected Landscapes Targets and Outcomes Framework (PLTOF) targets into the 2023 -2028 Peak District National Park Management Plan. The incorporation meets the Defra requirement that National Park Authorities and National Landscape Partnerships and Conservation Boards (Protected Landscape bodies) should incorporate the targets into their statutory Management Plans.

2. Context

- 2.1 The [Environmental Improvement Plan 2023](#) sets out the Environment Act Targets and wider environmental goals and delivery pathways for England. The [Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023](#), strengthened the duty on relevant authorities to ‘seek to further’ purposes of Protected Landscapes, and gave the government power to create secondary legislation on Management Plans and commitment to do this.
- 2.2 The requirement to incorporate the PLTOF targets in the [Defra policy paper on the PLTOF in January 2024](#), means Management Plans will be more closely linked to the Environment Act targets as well as delivering on the Protected Landscapes purposes. The importance placed on the PLTOF targets, and role of the Management Plan as a focal point for partnership working, was emphasised in a recent letter to the Peak District Chief Executive from the Defra Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Nature [Letter from Under Secretary](#).
- 2.3 Members have been provided with several updates on the PLTOF targets, most recently at the May 2025 Members Forum. Members were made aware of the current progress on setting the targets, including the further development of work with partners and the setting of the PLTOF targets for the Peak District.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The table at Appendix 1 outlines the PLTOF targets for the Peak District National Park. To comply with Defra requirements, Members are asked to approve the table of targets being incorporated into the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2023-28. For clarification, these do not replace the existing targets in the Management Plan, as the PLTOF targets will sit alongside the existing performance monitoring mechanisms.
- 3.2 Appendix 1 demonstrates that there are still some target indicators where there is no baseline data available. Therefore, at the moment, there are no targets set for the Peak District. To ensure we can progress in a timely manner when data and further information becomes available, it is requested that authority is delegated to the Head of Resources to update targets as required. We will continue to update Members at appropriate times as this work progresses.

4. Recommendations

- 1. To approve the targets, as set out in appendix 1, being incorporated into the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2023-28.**
- 2. To delegate authority to the Head of Resources to amend and update Protected Landscapes Targets and Outcomes Framework targets as further baseline and partner data becomes available.**

5. Corporate Implications

a. Legal

Pursuant to sections 5 and 11A of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, the Authority must deliver to the statutory purposes and statutory duty, respectively, when carrying out its work. Monitoring progress against the aims and objectives set out in the National Park Management Plan will enable appropriate scrutiny and safeguard legal compliance.

The National Park Management Plan is compliant with the Authority's duties in relation to equality, diversity and inclusion. Specific projects undertaken in pursuance of delivery of the aims and objectives will individually identify and address any adverse equality impacts on a case by case basis for consideration prior to approval.

b. Financial

There are no financial implications associated with the proposals outlined in this report. All expenditure associated with the National Park Management Plan is allocated through setting the 2025-26 budget and specific approvals outside of this report.

c. National Park Management Plan and Authority Plan

The proposals will ensure that the National Park Management Plan is compliant with the Defra requirement that National Park Authorities incorporate the PLTOF targets into their statutory Management Plans.

d. Risk Management

The greatest risk of incorporating the PLTOF targets into the National Park Management Plan is being unable to meet the targets. This risk has been mitigated by working with partners to set prudent targets that are based on delivery plans.

e. Net Zero

This report doesn't directly contribute to meeting net zero. However, Climate Change is one of the four aims of the National Park Management Plan, so delivering the Plan would contribute to meeting net zero for the place.

6. Background papers (not previously published)

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Nature letter to Chief Executive.

[Letter from Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Nature.pdf](#)

7. Appendices

Protected Landscapes Targets and Outcomes Framework (PLTOF) targets for the Peak District.

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