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MINUTES

Meeting: **National Park Authority**

Date: Friday 3 September 2021 at 10.00 am

Venue: Palace Hotel, Buxton, SK17 6AG

Chair: Cllr A McCloy

Present: Mr J W Berresford, Cllr W Armitage, Cllr D Chapman, Cllr C Farrell, Cllr C Furness, Cllr A Gregory, Prof J Haddock-Fraser, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr A Hart, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr I Huddleston, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr D Murphy, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr V Priestley, Mr K Smith, Cllr P Tapping, Cllr D Taylor, Ms Y Witter and Cllr B Woods

Apologies for absence: Cllr C Greaves, Ms A Harling, Miss L Slack and Cllr J Wharmby.

59/21 ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 7

Cllr Chapman and Cllr Priestley declared that they were Chair and Vice Chair of the Moors for the Future Partnership Group.

60/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 2ND JULY 2021

The minutes of the last meeting of the Authority held on the 2nd July 2021 which were tabled and included the referenced Appendix 1 were approved as a correct record.

61/21 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

62/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public had given notice to address the meeting under the Public Participation at Meetings Scheme.

63/21 AUTHORITY CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair confirmed that there had not yet been a full response from the government regarding the Glover review of Protected Landscapes but that it would be shared with Members as soon as it was published.

64/21 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT (SLF)

Members noted the Chief Executive's Report that included updates on key items since the previous Authority meeting including:

- Performance Management – Quarter 1 exceptions
- Planning Service Update
- Deputy Chief Executive Role
- Peak District National Park Foundation
- Sustainable Travel

The CEO confirmed that there was nothing significant to report to the Authority meeting regarding the financial position of the Authority at present, however a budget update will be taken to the November Authority meeting.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

65/21 AMP7 2020-24 WORKS (MH)

The report was presented by the Head of the Moors for the Future Partnership and the Project Manager, who outlined the proposal to extend peatland restoration works, working with Water Company partners, in the Dark Peak and South Pennines through Asset Management Period 7 (AMP7) between 2020-24. The Programmes & Resources Committee had previously approved a project value ceiling of £3million. It is now anticipated that the maximum value of the project could rise to £7.5 million and therefore authority to extend the ceiling was being sought.

It was confirmed that the MFF Partnership are confident that they have the capacity to deliver this work. A further report will be taken to the next meeting of the Programmes and Resources Committee regarding the Nature for Climate Fund.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED

To note the existing partnering agreements and associated contracts and support the proposed partnering agreements and associated contracts between PDNPA and Water Company partners for MFFP to deliver AMP 7 habitat restoration aspirations (capital works) and associated research and communications outcomes.

Specifically:

- 1. Authority to engage in new projects up to a maximum value of £7.5 million between 2020-2024 (increased from the existing limit of £3 million), and**

delegating authority to approve the acceptance of new partnering agreements with the Water Company partners under this authority, to the PDNPA Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Head of Moors for the Future Partnership and the Head of Legal Services.

- 2. That the Authority may, subject to compliance with its procurement standing orders, enter into contracts for the delivery of the AMP 7 projects and AMP 8 projects where they have been brought into the AMP 7 period.**

66/21 INTERNAL AUDIT 2021/22 ANNUAL PLAN (A1362/7/AMCC)

Ian Morton from our Internal Auditors, Veritau, was welcomed to the meeting and presented the report, which asked Members to approve the proposed Internal Audit Plan for 2021/2.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

To approve the 2021/22 Internal Audit Plan.

67/21 UPDATE ON REVIEWING THE NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN AND CORPORATE STRATEGY (EF)

The report was presented by the Head of Information and Performance Management, who updated the Authority on the review of the National Park Management Plan and Corporate Strategy and sought approval for the key milestones for the review, and the Member Task and Finish Group's amended terms of reference which were tabled.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To note the update on the review of the National Park Management Plan and Corporate Strategy since the May 2021 Authority meeting.**
- 2. To approve the final Terms of Reference for the Member Task and Finish Group at Appendix 1, attached to the report.**
- 3. To approve the key milestones for the review of the National Park Management Plan and Corporate Strategy.**

68/21 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REASONS FOR MEMBER NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS(A.111/RC)

The report, which presented a request to approve medical reasons for being unable to attend face to face meetings for two Members, was presented by the Democratic Services Manager, who advised that Cllr Huddlestone could be omitted from considerations as he was present at the meeting.

Officers clarified that the report was not a reflection on the contribution of any Members, who had continued to contribute in other ways (in particularly via virtual meetings of Forums and Task Groups) while they were unable to attend face to face Standing Committee and Authority meetings. Rather it was a procedural item, to enable said Members to remain part of the Authority.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

To approve, in accordance with section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, medical reasons for being unable to attend meetings of the Authority for Ms Harling until the first meeting of the Authority in 2022, currently to be held on 18 February 2022.

69/21 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER (RC)

The report, which provided details of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review Letter 2020/21, was presented by the Democratic Services Manager, who confirmed that there were no concerns about the Authority's performance and that no complaints had been upheld during the 2020/21 period.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

To note the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review Letter 2021 at Appendix 1 attached to the report.

70/21 EXEMPT INFORMATION S100(A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 13 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, paragraph 3 'information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).

71/16 Bike Fleet Procurement (HB)

The meeting ended at 11.01 am