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| Meeting: | National Park Authority |
| Date: | Friday 2 February 2018 at 10.00 am |
| Venue: | The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell |
| Chair: | Cllr Mrs L C Roberts |
| Present: | Cllr D Chapman, Mrs P Anderson, Cllr J Atkin, Mrs F Beatty, Mr J W Berresford, Cllr D Birkinshaw, Cllr P Brady, Cllr A R Favell, Cllr C Furness, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr Mrs C Howe, Cllr J Macrae, Cllr A McCloy, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr J Perkins, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr Mrs N Turner, Cllr Mrs J A Twigg and Cllr F J Walton |
| Apologies for absence: | Mr P Ancell, Cllr C Carr, Cllr A Hart, Cllr A Law, Cllr H Laws and Cllr B Woods. |

1/18 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair confirmed that as a result of recent correspondence received from HMRC regarding the taxation of travel and subsistence payments made to Members the issue has been discussed at a recent meeting of National Parks England. At that meeting representatives of Defra had agreed to look into the matter and that officers in all National Parks in England and Wales were preparing a joint response to the HMRC letter. Further information would be circulated to Members as it becomes available.

The Chair advised Members that the Moors for the Future Bogtastic Van had been parked in the Aldern House car park for Members to visit at the end of the meeting.

It was noted that Mam Tor near Castleton had been voted 10th in a television survey of the top 100 best walks in the United Kingdom.

The Chair invited the Director of Commercial Development and Outreach to show Members a film commissioned by the Authority aimed at promoting the Peak District National Park and encouraging supporters. Members welcomed the film and asked how they could share it more widely to their network. The film was available to stream and download on the internet and a link and copies would be given to Members.

2/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 1 DECEMBER 2017

The minutes of the last meeting of the Authority held on 1 December 2017 were approved as a correct record.

3/18 URGENT BUSINESS

In accordance with paragraph 1.9(e) in Part 1 of Standing Orders the Chair confirmed that, following consultation with the Director of Corporate Strategy and Development, she had approved a request from the Chief Executive for the Authority to consider an urgent item not included on the published agenda. The urgent item related to the recruitment process for a new Director of Commercial Development and Outreach following the current post holder's decision to leave the Authority.

The reason given for the urgency was that, although the formal notice that this post would become vacant was made in late December 2017, since returning from leave the Chief Executive had taken time to consider and consult with senior staff and Members on how to respond to the resignation and the options available for moving forward. This process had not been completed in sufficient time to prepare a formal report or add an item to the Agenda before publication. As the post would become vacant on 31 March 2018 the recruitment process needed to commence immediately and could not wait until after the next scheduled meeting of the Authority.

The Chief Executive proposed that a Member Panel be established to support the process for recruiting to the post suggesting that the Panel should consist of the Chair of the Authority, the Deputy Chair of the Authority and the Chair of Audit Resources and Performance Committee. The notice and request to approve any appointment would be presented to a meeting of the Authority in accordance with Standing Orders.

The proposal was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To appoint the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority and the Chair of the Audit Resources and Performance Committee to a Member Panel established to support the process for recruiting and selecting to the post of Director of Commercial Development and Outreach.**
- 2. To confirm that attendance at meetings of the Panel are an approved duty for the purposes of travel and subsistence claims.**

4/18 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

5/18 PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN: APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Members considered a report including a revised version of the National Park Management Plan updated to reflect feedback received following previous consultation. The Authority was asked to approve the latest version and commence further consultation. It was proposed that the consultation would last for 6 weeks from approximately 23 February to 6 April 2018 with the aim of the Authority adopting the final Management Plan on 25 May 2018.

During discussion of the Management Plan Members suggested minor changes and asked the Chief Executive to consider them under her delegation. The Chief Executive confirmed that she had already received comments via email and where practicable they would be taken on board.

In discussion the following issues were raised:

- Suggestions that objectives relating to climate change were not strong enough
- Greater emphasis should be placed on the impacts of tourism and the visitor economy.
- The Partnership approach should make reference to a wider range of organisations both in the public and private sector
- More transparency on cultural heritage assets
- Revisiting the use of the words “What we want to do” in the context of the delivery plan

It was noted that in December 2017 the Chief Executive had made contact with a number of partners regarding their contribution to the Delivery Plan and already a number had written back confirming their commitment.

Officers were thanked for developing a clear plan and for their engagement with members throughout the process. The Chair thanked all Members for their significant input in the development of the Management Plan.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To undertake a final public consultation on the draft Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23 provided at appendix 1 of the report.**
- 2. To authorise the Chief Executive to make amendments to the draft management plan to address issues arising from discussions at the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned from 11:05am to 11:10am following consideration of this item.

6/18 BUDGET 2018/19 (A137/PN)

The Authority were asked to approve the 2018/19 Budget. It was noted that the budget had been prepared in accordance with the approach to investing in delivery of the Authority’s Corporate Strategy presented to Members on 27 May 2016, and subsequent workshops during 2016 and 2017.

It was noted that the 2018/19 financial year was the 3rd year of the 4 year settlement from Defra and that £75,000 more a year had been included to accommodate a 2% pay award.

In discussing the report Members sought and received assurances on reserve levels, welcomed the information on how corporate costs had been allocated and received an update from the Chief Executive on the proposal in the Government’s 25 year Environment Plan of a 21st Century “Hobhouse” Review of National Parks. Members also received further information about the budget for cultural heritage and a forthcoming discussion at the Resources Management Meeting on staffing resources.

Officers were thanked for a clear budget report and for taking on Member comments on the inclusion of comparative data.

RESOLVED:

1. **To approve the base budget for the 2018/19 financial year shown in Appendix 1 and 2 of the report which incorporate the investment allocations delegated to the Leadership Team, working with the Chief Finance Officer (Authority Minute 20/16 refers) as set out in paragraph 9 of the report.**
2. **To note the financial position of the Authority in the period up to March 2020 as explained in paragraph 11 of the report.**

The meeting ended at 11.20 am