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19 July 2017

To: All Councillors

As a Member of the **Council**, please treat this as your summons to attend the meeting on **Thursday 27 July 2017 at 6.00pm in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MATLOCK.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sandra Lamb', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Sandra Lamb  
Head of Corporate Services

## **AGENDA**

### **PRESENTATION**

The Chairman of the District of Derbyshire Dales for 2016/17 to present a cheque to a representative of the Air Ambulance, his nominated charity for the year.

Presentation by Sarah Fowler, Chief Executive of Peak District National Park, on the shape and future of the Peak District National Park.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Please advise Democratic Services on 01629 761133 or e-mail [committee@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:committee@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) of any apologies for absence.

### **2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

22 and 28 June 2017

### **4. INTERESTS**

Members are required to declare the existence and nature of any interests they may have in subsequent agenda items in accordance with the District Council's Code of Conduct. Those interests are matters that relate to money or that which can be

valued in money, affecting the Member her/his partner, extended family and close friends. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

**5. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements of the Leader of the Council.

**6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements of the Chairman of the District of Derbyshire Dales.

**7. COMMITTEES**

To receive the non-exempt minutes of the Committees shown below:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Non Exempt Minutes to be Received</b>	
Council	22 June 2017
Special Council	28 June 2017
Governance & Resources Committee	29 June 2017
Planning Committee	11 July 2017

**MINUTE BOOK TO FOLLOW**

**8. QUESTIONS (RULE OF PROCEDURE 15)**

Questions, if any, from Members who have given notice.

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**9. PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY – MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

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To consider the District Council's draft response to the Peak District National Park Authority's consultation on its proposed Management Plan 2017 for submission by 31 July 2017.

**10. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER**

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To consider the appointment of Sandra Lamb, the Council's Head of Corporate Services and Monitoring Officer, as the Council's Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer.

**11. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN TO PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**12**

To consider the appointment of a replacement Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee.

## **12. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

To authorise that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to those documents, if any, required completing transactions undertaken by Committees or by way of delegated authority to others, since the last meeting of the Council.

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27 JULY 2017

Report of the Head of Regeneration and Policy

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## **PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY – MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide a District Council response to the Peak District National Park Authority's consultation on its proposed Management Plan 2017. The consultation closes on 31 July 2017.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. The draft District Council response is amended and agreed for submission to the National Park Authority.

### **WARDS AFFECTED**

All wards within the Peak District National Park

### **STRATEGIC LINK**

The Corporate Plan 2015-2019 sets out the priorities of residents and the District Council and is based on demonstrable need and extensive consultation. Our three highest priorities are therefore (1) *Business growth and job creation*, (2) *Affordable housing*, and (3) *Market towns*. The degree to which the proposed National Park Management Plan contributes to those priorities is considered in the report.

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## **1 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The 1995 Environment Act requires the Peak District National Park Authority to produce a 'Management Plan' for the National Park. It must reflect National Park purposes and be updated at least every five years. The current Management Plan runs from 2012 to 2017, and the National Park Authority is therefore preparing a new plan.
- 1.2 Along with other organisations and the public at large, the District Council has been invited to respond to a consultation draft of the proposed new Management Plan with a deadline of 31 July 2017. A draft response is appended to this report, which Members are invited to amend prior to agreeing a submission. In order to assist, the National Park Authority's Chief Executive will make a presentation at the start of the meeting.

- 1.3 Some 26,400 Derbyshire Dales residents live in the National Park, accounting for 70% of the National Park's population. In addition, 42% of the area of the Derbyshire Dales district lies within the National Park.
- 1.4 The proposed Management Plan has been presented for consultation on the National Park Authority' website <http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/national-park-management-plan> along with a consultation response form. Rather than responding to every element of the proposed National Park Management Plan (NPMP), the draft response aims to focus on strategic issues of greatest relevance to District Council. It is suggested that the District Council's response takes the form of a letter, and a draft is appended to this report.
- 1.5 The context for the new NPMP includes the **statutory purpose of the National Park Authority to conserve** and enhance the area whilst promoting public understanding and enjoyment. In carrying out these purposes, the National Park Authority must also seek to **foster the economic and social well-being of communities** within the National Park. In relation to economic and social wellbeing, Members will be familiar with the overwhelming weaknesses of the area: a lack of well-paid jobs and sites for businesses to grow; and a lack of affordable housing and sites for housing to be built. Both these issues are picked up in the Topic Papers published by the National Park Authority alongside its consultation.
- 1.6 Whilst the NPMP presents a strategic framework for National Park Authority activity, it is not a land use plan. The NPMP is not a planning policy document and the National Park Authority's existing Core Strategy and Development Management Policies will not be affected. However, the NPMP will provide additional context for any future review of the Core Strategy that might take place in the next few years.

## 2 NPMP VISION FRAMEWORK

- 2.1 The proposals would retain the existing Vision Framework (Consultation document, Figure 2):
- a diverse working and cherished landscape
  - a welcoming and inspiring place
  - an enterprising and sustainable economy
  - thriving and vibrant communities.
- 2.2 The vision is sustainable, because it includes social, economic and environmental aspirations. The draft District Council response supports the retention of this vision because it incorporates "a diversity of thriving businesses" (ES2) and "locally needed affordable housing" (TV4) which are in accordance with Derbyshire Dales priorities.

## 3 NPMP SPECIAL QUALITIES

- 3.1 The consultation document (in section 3) proposes eight 'special qualities'. These are what it considers define the National Park as distinctive and

significant compared with other areas. Seven of the eight proposed special qualities are environmental in nature and which the District Council would support but not comment on. However Special Quality 4 (“Characteristic settlements with strong communities and traditions”) is worthy of more specific comment.

- 3.2 The draft District Council response highlights Special Quality 4 and seeks to emphasize the aspect of strong communities. This Special Quality aligns well with the Vision for thriving businesses and locally needed affordable housing, both of which the District Council would wish to see supported in the NPMP.

#### **4 NPMP AREAS OF IMPACT**

- 4.1 The consultation document (in sections 4 and 5 and Appendix 2) proposes eight ‘areas of impact’ on which the delivery of the NPMP will focus. These are the heart of the new NPMP, but as currently drafted, they fail to address social and economic issues, focusing heavily on environmental issues instead. In particular, the visions for “an enterprising and sustainable economy” and “thriving and vibrant communities” are not reflected in the Areas of Impact proposed.

- 4.2 The draft District Council response points out that the Peak District has a diverse economic structure with manufacturing the largest sector (comprising 16% of jobs); that earnings are low (nearly 20% below the national average); and that house prices are high and unaffordable for those on average local wages. There are two key areas of impact highlighted in the District Council response, as follows.

#### **4.3 Area of Impact 5: Enhancing the benefits that the Peak District National Park provides**

- It is suggested that this Area of Impact be added to, in order to read:  
*Enhancing the benefits that the Peak District National Park provides to businesses and enhance the benefits that businesses provide to sustaining National Park communities*
- It is suggested that extra ‘what we want to do’s:’ are added as follows:  
*We want growing businesses to have premises fit for purpose for employing more people in better jobs, enhancing the sustainability of local communities*  
*We want superfast physical or wireless broadband for all Peak District towns and villages, enabling local businesses to survive and thrive and helping sustain local employment*
- It is suggested that the ‘why’ text is added to with the following text:  
*Evidence tells us that there is a lack of well-paid jobs and sites for businesses to grow in the National Park. Relatively poor broadband in some areas can hinder local employment. Without attractive job opportunities, young people are being forced to leave the area to find better-paid work elsewhere. We know that unless we can retain young people in the Peak District, the National Park will be unsustainable in the longer term.*

#### 4.4 Area of Impact 8: Supporting sustainable communities

- It is suggested that extra ‘what we want to do’s:’ are added with the following text:

*We want to work with our district and borough council colleagues in the active delivery of affordable housing appropriate to the needs of local people.*

*We want to support community-led housing initiatives that recognise the importance of delivering affordable homes with the community at the heart of the development process.*

*We want to attract appropriate levels of inward investment from Government and others that reflects the cost of building affordable homes in the National Park.*

## 5 RISK ASSESSMENT

**5.1 Legal.** There are no legal risks arising from the report.

**5.2 Financial.** The financial risk is assessed as Low.

**5.3 Corporate.** There is a distinction between National Park Authority priorities and the needs of the district. The corporate risk is assessed as Low should the proposed additions be accepted by the National Park Authority.

## 6 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

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## BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Derbyshire Dales District Council: Corporate Plan 2015-2019
- Peak District National Park Authority: National Park Management Plan Consultation June - July 2017
- Partnership and Regeneration Committee 7 July 2011: Peak District National Park Management Plan Consultation

## ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1      Draft District Council response to National Park Management Plan consultation

## APPENDIX 1      DRAFT DISTRICT COUNCIL RESPONSE TO NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

By email to: [npmp@peakdistrict.gov.uk](mailto:npmp@peakdistrict.gov.uk)

Dear

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the development of the 2017 Peak District National Park Management Plan. This is the response of Derbyshire Dales District Council, and was agreed at a meeting of the Council on 27 July 2017.

Derbyshire Dales residents account for 70% of the population of the National Park. In addition, 42% of the area of the Derbyshire Dales district lies within the National Park. The District Council is therefore a key consultee.

The District Council supports the retention of the existing Vision Framework, because it incorporates “a diversity of thriving businesses” (ES2) and “locally needed affordable housing” (TV4) which are in accordance with identified Derbyshire Dales priorities. These are Peak District priorities because evidence points strongly to a lack of well-paid jobs and sites for businesses to grow, and a lack of affordable housing and sites for housing to be built, as key issues for the National Park area.

In a similar vein, with regard to the proposed Special Qualities, the District Council wishes to highlight Special Quality 4 and seeks to emphasise the aspect of strong communities. This Special Quality aligns well with the Vision for thriving businesses and locally needed affordable housing, both of which the District Council would wish to see supported in the NPMP.

Whilst the Vision Framework is sustainable, because it balances social, economic and environmental aspirations, the same cannot be said for the proposed Areas of Impact. As currently drafted, these fail to address social and economic issues and are therefore unsustainable. In particular, the visions for “an enterprising and sustainable economy” and “thriving and vibrant communities” fail to be matched by the Areas of Impact proposed.

A report commissioned by Peak District partners (including the National Park Authority) in 2014 used official statistics to present facts that do not appear to be recognised in the proposed Areas of Impact. For example, the wider Peak District has a diverse economic structure with manufacturing the largest sector (comprising 16% of jobs), as opposed to agriculture and quarrying which comprise around 1% of jobs. Workplace earnings in the area are low: nearly 20% below the national average. House prices are high and unaffordable for those on average local wages. If the NPMP is to be sustainable, it needs to address these issues.

We therefore wish to make specific comments on two of the proposed Areas of Impact:

### Area of Impact 5: Enhancing the benefits that the Peak District National Park provides

- We suggest that this Area of Impact be added to, in order to read:

Enhancing the benefits that the Peak District National Park provides to businesses *and enhance the benefits that businesses provide to sustaining National Park communities*

- We suggest that an extra ‘what we want to do:’ is added with the following text:

*We want growing businesses to have premises fit for purpose for employing more people in better jobs, enhancing the sustainability of local communities*

*We want superfast physical or wireless broadband for all Peak District towns and villages, enabling local businesses to survive and thrive and helping sustain local employment*

- We suggest that the ‘why’ text is added to with the following text:

*Evidence tells us that there is a lack of well-paid jobs and sites for businesses to grow in the National Park. Relatively poor broadband in some areas can hinder local employment. Without attractive job opportunities, young people are being forced to leave the area to find better-paid work elsewhere. We know that unless we can retain young people in the Peak District, the National Park will be unsustainable in the longer term.*

#### Area of Impact 8: Supporting sustainable communities

- We suggest that extra ‘what we want to do’s:’ are added with the following text:

*We want to work with our district and borough council colleagues in the active delivery of affordable housing appropriate to the needs of local people.*

*We want to support community-led housing initiatives that recognise the importance of delivering affordable homes with the community at the heart of the development process*

*We want to attract appropriate levels of inward investment from Government and others that reflects the cost of building affordable homes in the National Park*

With regard to delivering the plan, whilst the District Council would wish to emphasise business and housing provision as above, it is important to note that through our environmental and community services we contribute significantly to keeping the National Park clean and safe for residents and visitors.

I trust that these representations can be taken into account in developing the NPMP.

**BACK TO AGENDA**

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27 JULY 2017

Report of the Chief Executive

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## **APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To confirm the appointment of Sandra Lamb, the Council's Head of Corporate Services and Monitoring Officer, as the Council's Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer. This would be a personal appointment and would revert back to the Chief Executive whenever Sandra Lamb leaves the employment of the Authority.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Sandra Lamb is appointed the Council's Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer with immediate effect.
2. That, should Sandra Lamb leave the employment of the Council, the position would revert back to the Chief Executive.

### **WARDS AFFECTED**

Not applicable

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Representation of People's Act 1983 requires District Councils to appoint a Local Returning Officer ((L)RO). This (L)RO also takes on the role of Deputy Returning Officer at County Elections and the Acting Returning Officer at Parliamentary Elections. The (L)RO will, in addition, manage European Elections and Parish Elections. The post also takes on the role of Counting Officer in any Referendum. The post is usually assigned to a Senior Officer within the Council.
- 1.2 The duties of an RO are separate from the duties of the post-holder as a Local Government Officer. An RO is not responsible to the Council but is directly and personally accountable to the Courts as an independent statutory office holder. Remuneration for this personal responsibility and funding for the election process as a whole is usually provided by the body for which the election is being held.
- 1.3 Every District Council is also required to appoint an Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) and this is the person who has the statutory duty to compile and maintain an Electoral Roll (including conducting an annual canvass). The funding for this function is met by the District Council. In most cases, the RO and ERO roles are carried out by the same post-holder. Currently the ERO post within Derbyshire Dales rests with the Chief Executive, with the Head of Corporate Services performing the Deputy Role.
- 1.4 Within Derbyshire Dales the ERO position is supported by an Electoral Services Team who also plays a significant part in any election taking place. This Team reports directly to Sandra Lamb who, for many years, has led the detailed work on administering the election and acting as Deputy Returning Officer to the Chief Executive's Returning Officer role.

- 1.5 The status of the Returning Officer, the responsibility that goes with it and the fee that is paid in recognition of this responsibility is paid to the Chief Executive as the named Returning Officer. The Head of Corporate Services has officially taken on this role for the last two main elections (County and Parliamentary), supported by and in agreement with the Chief Executive and it is now proposed that Sandra Lamb, given the accumulation of much experience over the years, be appointed to the roles of LRO and ERO as long as she remains at the Council. Given the responsibility that goes with the post, it would revert back to the Chief Executive should Sandra Lamb ever leave the employment of the Council.

## **2. RISK ASSESSMENT**

### 2.1 Legal

Only District and Parish Councils fall as a responsibility of the District Council. The RO responsibilities are personal and carry significant risk to the individual. Indemnity insurance is provided in all cases to mitigate the risk of a legal challenge.

### 2.2 Financial

There are no financial risks arising from this report.

## **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

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## **5. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

### 5.1 None

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Report of the Head of Corporate Services

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## **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN TO PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To confirm the appointment of a replacement Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Councillor Mrs Sue Bull be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

### **WARDS AFFECTED**

All Wards

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Council appoints to the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Committees and formal bodies of the Council at its Annual meeting. Councillor Tony Millward was appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee but due to ill health is currently unable to fulfil that function.
- 1.2 It is proposed that Councillor Mrs Sue Bull be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee, in place of Councillor Tony Millward, until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

## **2. RISK ASSESSMENT**

### 2.1 Legal

There are no legal considerations arising from the report.

### 2.2 Financial

There are no financial considerations arising from the report.

## **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

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## **5. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 5.1 None

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