

**NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT GROUP**

**MEETING TO BE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JANUARY 2005
at NATIONAL PARK HEADQUARTERS, EASTBURN, HEXHAM**
The meeting will commence at 9.30 am

PART I

It is expected that the matters included in this part of the Agenda will be dealt with in public.

- MG - 685 Apologies for Absence**
- MG - 686 Declarations of Interest**
- MG - 687 Minutes of Meeting held on 17th November 2004**
- MG - 688 Matters Arising / Brought Forward from Last Meeting**
- MG - 689 Budget Reports**
(i) Budget Performance – Month 9
(ii) Project Monitoring Reports - Quarter 3

Matters brought forward by Officers to obtain added value from the Management Group

- MG – 690 Corporate Priorities 2005 and 2006**
Guidance is sought from the Management Group to the Senior Management Team and Team Leaders to set corporate priorities for the forthcoming financial year (2005/06).
- MG – 691 Northern National Parks Seminar**
Guidance is needed from Members on the next steps to be taken in line with the conclusions of the Northern National Parks Seminar held in November 2004 and hosted by Northumberland National Park Authority on Cultural Heritage.
- MG – 692 Bridging the Border – Reaching New Audiences**
To update Members on the progress of this project.
- MG – 693 Visitor Centres – New Ways of Working Update**
Management Group are asked to advise on the scale of redevelopment at Once Brewed, in light of the lack of financial support from external sources and limited capital funds; and to agree to the actions proposed in the report for 2005.

Matters brought forward by Members

- MG – 694 Report to Management Group from the Review Panel**
The Management Group is requested to consider the comments made by the Review Panel from meetings held on 14th September 2004 and 16th November 2004 and to respond.

Other Items

- MG - 695 Communications**
- (a) **Member / Officer Communication update**
 - (b) **Strategic Diary**
To update Members on forthcoming events, meetings and conferences and to co-ordinate diaries.
 - (c) **Working with Parliamentarians**
To update Members on progress.
- MG - 696 Any Other Business which the Chairman considers is urgent.**

PART II

It is expected that matters included in this part of the Agenda will be dealt with in private. Reports are enclosed for Members and Officers only, coloured PINK and marked "Not for Publication"

MG(P).Exclusion of the public

Members are invited to consider passing the following resolution: *"That under section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Item MGP of the Agenda as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act and as indicated below":*

MG(P) - 697 GREENLEE AND STONEFOLDS

Exempt under Paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority) and Paragraph 12: Any instructions to counsel and any opinion of counsel (whether or not in connection with any proceedings) and any advice received, information obtained or action to be taken in connection with: (a) any legal proceedings by or against the authority, or (b) the determination of any matter affecting the authority, (whether, in either case, proceedings have been commenced or are in contemplation.

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Adrian Hinchcliffe - Lead Member; Anthony Murray - Lead Member; Michael Walton - Lead Member

The purposes of designation and the primary statutory objectives of all National Parks are:

- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the areas; and
- To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of those areas by the public.

In pursuing these purposes, National Park Authorities shall seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the National Park, but without incurring significant expenditure in doing so, and shall for that purpose co-operate with local authorities and public bodies whose functions include the promotion of economic or social development within the area of the National Park.

THE VISION STATEMENT

Northumberland National Park Authority will be proactive, innovative and forward-looking, working towards a National Park with thriving communities and a sustainable local economy grounded in its special qualities, including a richness of cultural heritage and biodiversity, a true sense of tranquillity and a distinct character associated with a living, working landscape, in which everyone has an opportunity to understand, enjoy and contribute to those special qualities.