

**NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY  
MANAGEMENT GROUP**

**MEETING TO BE HELD  
ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2004  
At NATIONAL PARK HEADQUARTERS,  
EASTBURN, HEXHAM**

*The meeting will commence at 9.30am*

**\*PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO START TIME\***

**PART I**

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

- MG – 618**      **Apologies for Absence**
- MG - 619**      **Declarations of Interest**
- MG - 620**      **Minutes of Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2004**
- MG - 621**      **Matters Arising / Brought Forward from Last Meeting**
- MG – 622**      **Lead Member Responsibilities**  
*For Members to agree new responsibilities following the elections at the Annual Meeting.*
- MG - 623**      **Budget Performance Quarter 1, 2004 – 2005**  
*To be tabled.*

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

- MG – 624**      **2004/2005 Revised Budget**  
*For Members to discuss the National Park Authority report E3, which is being presented to the Full Authority meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2004.*
- MG – 625**      **Chief Executive & Directors Targets 2004/2005**  
*A verbal report on progress will be presented.*
- MG – 626**      **Corporate Improvement Plan**  
*This report is to be considered by the Management Group in order that the Chairman can then give a verbal report to the following National Park Authority meeting outlining Management Group advice.*

Matters brought forward by Lead Members

- MG – 627     Plan for Members Policy Conference (October 2004)**  
*For Management Group to consider the options for focus of the forthcoming policy conference.*

Items delegated to the Management Group by the Authority

- MG – 628     Setting the rate for the co-optees allowance Standards Committee Independent.**  
*The Management Group is asked to set a rate for the Co-optees' Allowance, payable to members of a committee or sub-committee who are not Members of the Authority.*
- MG - 629     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 – 630     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) 631     Future of Authority Land at Greenlee and Stonefolds**  
*Exempt under Paragraph 7: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority) and Paragraph 13: information which, if disclosed to the public, would reveal the authority proposes: (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.*

**MG(P) 632     Refurbishment of National Park Visitor Centre – Rothbury**

*Exempt under Paragraph 8: The amount of expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods or services.*

Further to the Management Group's decision of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2004 the Park House refurbishment works have been re-tendered in line with a revised completion date and specific requirement to further engage local contractors. Three new tender prices have been received and an assessment made as to what elements Authority field staff might be able to undertake. Details to be tabled.

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**Membership of Management Group:**

John Riddle (Chairman)  
Peter Forrester - Lead Member  
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.**