

**MEETING OF
NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2008 at 9.15 am
AT NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK HEADQUARTERS,
EASTBURN, SOUTH PARK, HEXHAM**

AGENDA

1. **Introduction and Apologies for Absence**
2. **Minutes of last Standards Committee meeting: 8th March 2007**
3. **Training Item: Standards Board DVD**
4. **Information Item: Standards Board 6th Assembly**

Discussion Items:

5. **Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England**
response to the consultation document issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government is to be submitted by 15th February 2008

The following items relate to issues which arise from the Consultation Document on the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England.

- 5a. **Role and composition of Standards Committee**
consideration of potential requirements and changes following the outcome of the consultation and adoption of new regulations, including appeals and sub-committees, scope for joint working with other authorities, impact of unitary authority. (No report)
- 5b. **Guidelines and Procedures**
ensuring committee and Authority members have what they need leading up to the implementation of changes, expected in April 2008 (No report)
- 5c. **Communication of Role and Procedures**
consideration of how changes are to be disseminated internally and externally, website etc (No report)
- 5d. **Monitoring and Reporting**
including new regulatory requirements and annual report (No report)
6. **Urgent Business**
7. **Date for next meeting and potential agenda items**

<p>NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr Douglas Henderson - Independent Member (Chairman); Dr David Fruin - Independent Member; Cllr Steven Bridgett; Mr Alasdair Mitchell; Cllr Lawrence Thompson</p>
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NATIONAL PARK PURPOSES

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.

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