

Report 6: Management Plan Update

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the progress of the Management Plan Review.

2. Recommendations

The Authority is recommended to:

- a. Note the continued progress with the Management Plan review; and
- b. Note the agreed outcomes from the Member workshop (to be reported verbally)
- c. Note the next steps for the completion of the Management Plan review and formal endorsement (to be reported verbally)

3. Implications

- a. Financial: The Management Plan is funded from within the current medium term budget plan
- b. Equalities: A key aim for the Management Plan review will be to embed ambition and objectives to deliver a National Park for All, building on the Authority's existing ambition to engage new audiences, particularly from currently under-represented sections of society.
- c. Link to Business Plan: As the 'top-level' strategic plan for the National Park, the Management Plan will set the ambition and framework for future iterations of the Authority's Business Plan.

4. Background

- a. At the December 2020 Authority meeting Members agreed the need for and requirements of a new National Park Management Plan.
- b. Updates have been regularly provided to Members every quarter outlining the progress made with the review. In March 2022 Members were involved in a workshop looking at the main theme aims and later that month agreed for the draft Management Plan to go out to public consultation. In June 2022 Members received feedback from the public consultation process.
- c. The Management Plan Partnership Group (MPPG) met in July, September, late November 2021, February 2022 and in June 2022. The Group is due to meet again later in September 2022 to discuss the final draft Management Plan.

5. Working through the detail

- a. Since the public consultation ended in May 2022 the project team has been working with the theme leads to provide more detail that had been identified as missing from the Consultation draft document.

- b. It is important to highlight that this is a strategic vision for the National Park as a place. Therefore a lot of the detail of the projects that will be carried out by the National Park Authority itself will come forward in the National Park Business Plan, which will follow once the Management plan has been adopted.
- c. A member's workshop is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 7th September. Members will be provided with an opportunity to discuss the proposed vision and detailed main aims and objectives. A verbal summary of any agreed outcomes will be provided at the Authority meeting for those who were unable to attend.

6. Next steps

- a. After the workshop, any agreed outcomes will be incorporated into the Management Plan. Then the amended document will be discussed with the MPPG steering group.
- b. The document will need to be designed and transformed into a web page, as well as summarised in a short pdf document. The project team are looking into ways to make the documents more visual and easier to read by all partners and stakeholders.
- c. The final document will be brought before members for final approval at either a special Authority meeting or at the December Authority meeting.

7. Conclusions

- a. Having considered the detailed responses to the Management Plan consultation, the Management Plan has been amended to provide more detail.
- b. The outcomes from the members' workshop held on 7th September will be incorporated into the Management Plan. A verbal update on the Members workshop will be given highlighting the level outcomes agreed.
- c. The next steps will involve the Plan being taken to the MPPG. After which it will be designed to be more user friendly, returning to members for final approval.

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