

**NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**  
**MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday 14 December 2022 at 10am**

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**Venue: Eastburn, South Park, Hexham NE46 1BS**

**PART ONE – open to the public**

Reference	Item	Title
NPA57-2022		<b>Apologies for Absence</b>
NPA58-2022		<b>Chair and Chief Executive’s Introduction</b>
NPA59-2022		<b>Questions received from members of the public</b>
NPA60-2022		<b>Declarations of member and officer interests</b> <i>Members and officers are asked to declare interests they have in relation to any items on the agenda and sign the Declaration of Interest form accordingly.</i>
NPA61-2022	Minutes	<b>Minutes of the Authority Meetings held on 23 September and 12 October 2022</b> <i>To review and approve the two sets of minutes</i>
NPA62-2022	Report 1	<b>Half Year Financial and Budget Update</b> <i>To update members on the half year financial performance and the medium-term budget</i>
NPA63-2022	Report 2	<b>Half Year Corporate Performance and SRR Update</b> <i>To provide members with an update on performance and strategic risk</i>
NPA64-2022	Report 3	<b>Health &amp; Safety and HR Half Year Report</b> <i>To provide members with an update on Health &amp; Safety and HR performance</i>
NPA65-2022	Report 4	<b>Authority Review Meeting - Rangers</b> <i>To update members of the Authority Review of the Ranger Service from the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022</i>
NPA66-2022	Report 5	<b>Annual State of the National Park Report</b> <i>To report annual progress in meeting the target set in the 2016 to 2021 Management Plan and the impact of the state of the national park</i>
NPA67-2022	Report 6	<b>Taking Forward Governance Changes</b> <i>To make proposals for taking forward the recommendations from the 2022 Governance Review agreed at the September 2022 Authority meeting</i>

**NPA68-2022**

**Urgent Business (if any)**

*To consider such business which, in the Chair's opinion, should by reason of special circumstances be considered as a matter of urgency.*

**PART TWO: Confidential and Exempt items**

It is expected that matters in Part Two of the Agenda will be dealt with in private. Reports [coloured pink, referenced (P) and marked "Not for Publication"] are for members and officers only.

**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 this part of the meeting as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act".

**NPA69-2022    Minutes (P)    Exempt Minutes of Authority Meeting 23 September 2022**

*To review and approve the minutes.*

**Tony Gates, Chief Executive (National Park Officer)**

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**Northumberland National Park Authority Members (as of 9 June 2022)** Secretary of State National: Ms Jean Davidson (Chair), Ms Liz Ellis, Ms Marie Fallon, Ms Fiona Gough, Mr Chris Mullin, and Ms Pippa Ross, Northumberland County Council: Cllr Eileen Cartie, Cllr Mark Mather, Cllr Mark Purvis, Cllr John Riddle, Cllr Catherine Seymour and Cllr Alan Sharp. Secretary of State Parish: Cllr Sue Bolam, Cllr Val Gibson, Cllr Len Glen-Davison, Cllr Julian Morrison-Bell, Cllr Denis Mullan (Deputy Chair) and Cllr Andrew Saunders.

**Northumberland National Park Authority Vision Statement (2016):** Northumberland National Park will be a truly welcoming and distinctive place, easily accessible to all. Its inspiring and changing landscapes, characterised by open spaces, tranquillity, diverse habitats, geology, and rich cultural heritage, will be widely recognised, and valued. The living, working landscape will contribute positively to the well-being of thriving and vibrant communities in and around the park.

**National Park Statutory Purposes:** The purposes of designation and the primary statutory objectives of all National Parks are: (1) to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage of the areas; and (2) 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 (Section 61/62 of the Environment Act 1995).