

Report 4: Authority Review Meeting - Rangers

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform members of the findings and recommendations of the recent Ranger Review meeting held on 12th October 2022 and to seek endorsement for the actions planned to address the recommendations.

2. Recommendations

The Authority is recommended to:

- a. Note the findings of the recommendations of the Authority Review meeting on Rangers held on 12th October 2022.
- b. Consider the responses of the Leadership Team and actions proposed or currently underway.
- c. Endorse the actions as set out at Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Implications

- a. Financial: None
- b. Equalities: None
- c. Link to Business Plan: The greater use of volunteers and close working with partners are key resources in the Authority delivering its Business Plan.

4. Background

- a. On 12th October 2022 the Review Panel met off-site at Ingram Village Hall to scrutinise the Ranger service.
- b. The report, presented by the Conservation and Environment Manager and the Senior Ranger, highlighted the numerous workstreams within the Ranger services remit as well as projects.
- c. Members met with representatives from Northumbria Police and Fire and Rescue services who work closely with the Authority, including the Ranger Service.
- d. Members travelled to Ingram café and car park and then to a nearby estate to discuss the role of ranger in supporting visitor management partnerships with the estate's Conservation Manager.

5. Key Findings and Recommendations

- a. The key findings and recommendations of the Review Panel are set out at Appendix 1, together with the Leadership Team response.

6. Conclusions

- a. Members are asked to note the findings of the Ranger Review, consider the responses from Leadership Team, and endorse the actions as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

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Background papers: None