

Report 6: Authority Review Meeting - FiPL

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform members of the findings and recommendations of the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) Review meeting held on 15 February 2023 and to seek endorsement for the actions planned to address the findings/recommendations.

2. Recommendations

The Authority is recommended to:

- a. Note the Review findings/recommendations of the FiPL Authority Review meeting held 15 February 2023.
- b. Consider the responses of the Leadership Team and actions proposed or currently underway.
- c. Endorse the actions as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Implications

- a. Financial: None.
- b. Equalities: None.
- c. Link to Business Plan: Delivering Defra outcomes via the Farming in Protected Landscape Grants Scheme until March 2025.

4. Background

- a. The Authority Review members met on 15 February to scrutinise the FiPL programme.
- b. Supported by a previously circulated report, an overview of the FiPL scheme was presented by the Head of Conservation and Management, the Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme Manager and the Lead Member for FiPL and Local Assessment Panel Chair.
- c. Members met with Land managers who have participated in Northumberland National Park Authority's FiPL scheme, as well as receiving feedback (via Teams) from Defra on the Department's view of the delivery of the FiPL scheme in national and local terms.

5. Key Findings and Recommendations

- a. Members commended the FiPL team for their hard work in getting the scheme up and running and delivering to tight deadlines.
- b. The key findings and recommendations of the Review Panel are set out at Appendix 1 to this report, including the Leadership Team response and timescale.

6. Conclusions

- a. Members are invited to note the findings of the Farming in Protected Landscapes Review, consider the responses from Leadership, and endorse the actions as set out at Appendix 1 to this report.

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