



NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 10.30am

<https://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/stream>

Venue: Eastburn, South Park, Hexham NE46 1BS

PART ONE – open to the public

| Reference | Item | Title |
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| NPA53-2023 | | Apologies for Absence |
| NPA54-2023 | | Chair and Chief Executive's Introduction |
| NPA55-2023 | | Questions received from members of the public |
| NPA56-2023 | | Declarations of member and officer interests <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> |
| NPA57-2023 | Minutes | Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 13 September 2023 <i>To review and approve the minutes.</i> |
| NPA58-2023 | Report 1 | Half Year Financial Update <i>To update members on half year budget performance.</i> |
| NPA59-2023 | Report 2 | Half Year Performance and Strategic Risk Register Update <i>To update members on half year Business Plan delivery and SRR.</i> |
| NPA60-2023 | Report 3 | Half Year Health and Safety and Human Resources update <i>To update members on half year Health and Safety performance, HR matters and delivery of the Organisational Development Strategy.</i> |
| NPA61-2023 | Report 4 | National Park Partnerships Limited: Subscription for 2023/24 <i>To update members on the operation of NPPL, outline the benefits received by the Authority and confirm the Authority's subscription for the current year 2023/24.</i> |
| NPA62-2023 | Report 5 | Climate Action and Net Zero: 2023 Review and Next Steps <i>To update members on the Authority's work on climate action and net zero, and to seek members endorsement for future priorities for work in this area.</i> |
| NPA63-2023 | Report 6 | Authority Review Meeting 11 October 2023: Historic Environment <i>To update members on the meeting findings and recommendations and seek members endorsement for actions planned or underway.</i> |
| NPA64-2023 | | Urgent Business (if any) <i>To consider such business which, in the Chair's opinion, should by reason of special circumstances be considered as a matter of urgency.</i> |

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 Reports [coloured pink, referenced (P) and marked "Not for Publication"] are for members and officers only.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".

NPA65-2023

Members' Question Time

NPA66-2023

Minutes (P)

Exempt Minutes of Authority Meeting 13 September 2023

To review and approve the exempt minutes from this meeting.

NPA67-2023

Report (P1)

Revision of Director Roles

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).