

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Title: National Park Management Plan Update

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Purpose of the Report

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

Background

The Authority started the process of updating the NPMP by working with a range of forums and working groups across the National Park to develop a series of topic discussion papers. These were on cultural heritage, access and recreation, business and the rural economy, farming and land management, biodiversity and geodiversity, communities, sustainable transport, outreach, sustainable tourism, and climate change and natural resources.

In ? workshops with the NPMP Advisory Group and Authority Members took place to identify key strategic areas where the next NPMP could have the greatest impact. The Project Board then met to further examine the issues contained in the topic papers.

Areas of Focus

The following areas of focus have been identified to integrate the issues that were in the individual topic papers:

1. Preparing for a future climate: leading the way to help people and the environment mitigate our impact on climate change and adapt to future conditions.
2. Getting the most for the National Park: ensuring that we work collectively to influence and respond to legislation, policy and funding decisions following the UK's exit of the EU.
3. Landscape conservation on a big scale: focusing on monitoring landscape changes across the Park, developing a White Peak Partnership and protecting the Moors for the Future Partnership after the UK's exit of the EU.
4. Enhancing the public benefits that the National Park provides: building our knowledge, understanding and awareness of public goods delivered by the natural environment of the Park and using this knowledge to inform the work we do.
5. Securing a future for farming and land management: focusing on supporting the next generation of farmers and land mangers across the National Park and ensuring they conserve and enhance the special qualities of the Peak District.
6. Supporting sustainable communities: with a focus on access to services and appropriate housing provision.

7. Encouraging enjoyment with understanding: maximising benefits for enjoyment within the Peak District and promoting a sense of harmony, shared ownership and responsibility.
8. A National Park for everyone: Widening participation by helping remove physical and mental barriers to support access for all and promoting the health and wellbeing benefits that this can provide.

Next Steps

A consultant has been commissioned to develop a consultation document for further partner feedback and public involvement on the identified areas of impact. The final consultation document will be taken to 26 May Authority for final approval, with the consultation starting soon after this for a period of six weeks.

Recommendation

- 1. That the report is noted.**