

**South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) Local Plan Members
Working Group**

Remit

- 1) to provide an informal forum for SDNPA Members to consider matters relevant to policy, priorities and performance in relation to the National Park's emerging Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy and the statutory duty to seek to foster the socio-economic well-being of the local community insofar as this is compatible with the pursuit of National Park purposes;
- 2) to facilitate greater member focus and involvement on planning policy development and the evolving content of the Local Plan;
- 3) to provide an opportunity for early consideration of local plan matters that to come before future workshops and meetings of the Planning Committee and/or full Authority;
- 4) to provide an informal forum for Members to highlight or raise issues they believe require fuller debate.

Terms of Reference

- 1) to consider and discuss matters relating to Local Plan policy development, the duty to promote sustainable development and the responsibility for forward planning & the National Park's communities;
- 2) to request and receive reports and presentations from officers as appropriate;
- 3) to monitor performance and delivery of the socio-economic components of the National Park Management Plan, the policies in the Local Plan decisions;
- 4) to make such enquiries or investigations as are necessary to the proper consideration of matters within the remit of the Panel;
- 5) to arrange such consultations and discussions with representatives of other stakeholder bodies as are appropriate within the remit of the Panel;
- 6) to communicate the views of its members to Officers of the Authority;
- 7) for at least one field tour each year to be arranged for the Panel, in conjunction with officers and Members of South Downs National Park Authority, to help review the impact of recent planning decisions and to help consider planning policy and sustainable development issues;
- 8) all relevant presentations and papers; agendas, notes of and action points from meetings will be posted on an appropriate location on the SDNPA's intranet;
- 9) while meetings of the group are not formal meetings of the Authority, in the interests of openness and transparency, the provisions of the Code of Conduct regarding disclosure of interests at meetings apply to meetings of the group. If in any particular case, a Member is in doubt advice should be sought from the Monitoring Officer.

Powers

The Working Group shall have no decision making function, nor shall it make resolutions or recommendations, vote on any matter, or otherwise transact any business.

There shall be no power for the Working Group to give instructions or directions; publish or state any view or opinion; make any recommendation; or commission any activity. However, this shall be entirely without prejudice to the right of any individual member of the Working Group to raise any issue, canvass any direction, express any view or opinion, put forward any recommendation, or promote any activity as a member of the Authority.