

**SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
APPOINTMENT, MANAGEMENT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING
10 JUNE 2025**

Held at the South Downs Centre, Midhurst at 10.00am

Present: Vanessa Rowlands (Chair), Tim Burr, Jerry Pett.

SDNPA Officers: Siôn McGeever (Chief Executive), Richard Sandiford (Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer)

External: Sarah Harvey (Independent Advisor)

ITEM 1: Apologies for Absence

1 There were none.

ITEM 2: Declarations of Interest

2 There were none.

ITEM 3: Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 19 December 2024

3 The minutes of the previous meetings of the Committee were agreed as a correct record.

ITEM 4: Urgent Matters

4 There were none

ITEM 5: Need for Part II Exclusion of Press and Public

5 It was proposed and seconded in respect of Agenda Items 7, 8 and 9 that the public, including the press, should be excluded from the meeting on the basis that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if a member of the public were present during the items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, being information relating to any individual, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exempt information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out.

6 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee move into private session for Agenda Items 7, 8 and 9 and exclude any members of the public and press from the meeting.

ITEM 6: Public Participation

7 There was none.

PART II EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

8 The meeting was closed to the public, including the press, and moved into private session at 10.35am.

ITEM 7: Minutes of the Previous Meetings held on 19 December 2024

9 The minutes of the previous meetings of the Committee were agreed as a correct record.

ITEM 8: Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal

10 Members considered and discussed the matters before them.

11 **RESOLVED:** The Committee considered the Chief Executive Officer's performance since appointment and whether he had met the performance expectations and agreed that he had successfully completed his probationary period.

ITEM 9: Chief Executive Officer Performance Objectives 2025/26

- 12 Members considered and discussed the matters before them.
- 13 **RESOLVED:** The Committee considered and agreed:
 - 1. The performance objectives for the Chief Executive Officer for 2025/26, subject to the addition of an additional objective on the delivery of the Local Plan; and,
 - 2. Any areas for development or training during 2025/26.
- 14 The meeting closed at 11.23am.

Chair

Signed: _____