Income Generation Update National Park Authority Meeting 31 January 2017

SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

We are a cause

Why a Trust

- Use our National Park status to increase investment in the local area.
- Increase the capacity and flexibility to deliver the Partnership Management Plan.
- Support local, smaller organizations, not We are not just a place, able to fundraise in their own right.
- Tried and tested model Nurture Lakeland, The Sill, US NPF

Background

- On 23rd June the SDNPA agreed to the principle of setting up a charitable entity for the South Downs National Park.
- The final version of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Trustees and Business case will be brought to Members for approval in March, in order to register for May.
- We are therefore seeking <u>substantive comments</u> on Evershed's draft Mem and Arts, to reduce further costs and delays to the registration of the charity.



Objects

- The Objects do not follow our purposes and duties, but follow a format <u>established by the Charity Commission</u> and <u>recognised by them as a valid charitable purpose.</u>
- They follow the North York Moor's Trust, established through an extended negotiation with the Charity Commission.
- They do not restrict us from doing anything within our PMP plan, so long as it has a charitable purpose.



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17 Nov 2016	Memorandum and Articles of Association		View PDF (26 pages)
27 Oct 2016	Statement of company's objects		View PDF (2 pages)
27 Oct 2016	Resolutions Resolution of alteration of Articles of Association 		<u>View PDF</u> (1 page)
10 Jun 2016	Appointment of Mr Jonathan James Cornish as a director on 24 May 2016		View PDF (3 pages)
10 Jun 2016	Appointment of Sir William Ralph Worsley as a director on 24 May 2016		View PDF (3 pages)
10 Jun 2016	Appointment of Dorothy Fairburn as a director on 24 May 2016		View PDF (3 pages)
10 Jun 2016	Appointment of Deborah-Anne Trebilco as a director on 24 May 2016		View PDF (3 pages)
09 Jun 2016	Appointment of Julie Ann Hutton as a director on 24 May 2016		View PDF (3 pages)
06 Nov 2015	Incorporation		View PDF (46 pages)

Trustees

- The Memorandum and Articles limit the number of Trustees to 16, though we are aiming for a working board of 12.
- Trustees are appointed for a three year term to ensure their skill set meets the needs of the Trust.
- I or 25% of Trustees can be Authority Members, whichever is higher.



The issue of independence



What the commission says (The independence of charities from the state RR7)

"Charity law is clear that governmental authorities can setup charities"

"However, for a body to be a charity it must be independent. It must exist in order to carry out its charitable purposes"

"It is possible for a charity to accept funding from a government authority with terms that are quite prescriptive."



Relationship between the Trust and the Charity

The Trust is independent, with a minority representation of Members and a conflict clause which excludes them from voting on matters relating to any relationship with the Authority.

The SDNPA will be a founding patron of the Trust, providing a grant for the first five years. This is done so on the basis that the Trustees agree to fundraise in order to help deliver the PMP plan, where it meets its charitable objects. This arrangement will be captured in an MOU

The Trust can decide in which way it delivers this.