### THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY CORPORATE OBJECTIVES 2016–2021

- Support increase in woodland under active management and % in good or improving condition
- Support increase in % of water bodies in good or improving condition.
- Increase the area and improve condition of chalk grassland
- Develop projects to conserve designed historic landscapes
- **Lead** Heathlands Reunited Project to areate bigger, better, more joined up heathland
- Identify mitigation for sedimentation and improve water quality. on the River Rother
- Develop and use landscape scale change monitoring tools to mitigate impact of development
- Deliver key actions for climate change adaptation.
- Identify priority schemes for undergrounding electricity
- Explore apportunities to develop heritage. conservation apprenticeship standards
- Deliver SDNPA responsibilities in the Heritage Coast strategy
- Support form clusters to deliver PMP outcomes
- Establish 3 Forestry Apprenticeships
- Support regeneration bids for Stanmer Park
- Impact national approaches to heathland restoration and management
- Produce guidance for developers on dark night skies

## STRATEGIES

- Landscape and Biodiversity Cultural Heritage
- South Downs Local Plan
- Adopt West Sussex and East Sussex John Francisco St. 1
  Waste Plans
  Green Infrastructure
  Framework
  Tramework Sussex Joint Minerals and

#### Cycling and Walking Sustainable Transport

- Communications. Engagement and Public Affairs

#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

- Sustainable Tourism
- Sustainable Economy

#### Income generation

#### We will

- Set up at least one shared service contract
- Establish a trading arm starting with affordable housing
- **Develop** a Natural Capital Account for the National Park
- Set up an independent Charitable Trust to generate income by 2020.
- Generate income from individual and legacy giving
- Reduce the use of private vehicles for business travel
- **Drive** efficiencies in key new contracts
- Improve planning service standards and review the pre-application service
- Agree approach to Partnership Management Plan review with partners
- Establish a Citizen's Panel

#### We will

- Develop partnerships to support health and well-being work
- Lead Heathlands Reunited interpretation, engagement and campaigns
- Develop 'shovel ready' projects to increase cycling and walking
- Lead the South Downs Way Partnership
- Help increase the number of young people who experience the National Park through Citizen's Service+
- Extend the Centurion Way to the South Downs
- **Deliver** the South Downs Alphabet book
- Make 60 digital routes available on ViewRanger
- Arrange 3 Cycle Ambassador events
- Carry out a condition survey and deliver priority maintenance for Access Land
- Create a SDNP Volunteer Passport and forum

#### We will

- Support 5 or more Local Enterprise Partnership funded projects in the National Park
- Support 3 LEADER programmes
- Work with the Great British Food Unit to deliver a South Downs Protected Food Name
- Support roll out of broadband UK superfast
- Develop 5 visitor hubs and gateways
- Create car free itineraries for 4 destinations
- Roll out a 'Cyclist and Walkers Welcome' initiative in 4 destinations
- Develop the 'Communicating the South Downs'
- Bid to Discover England to increase international visitors to the National Park
- Facilitate Neighbourhood Plans to maintain the 5 year housing land supply
- Deliver £1 million worth of community infrastructure projects
- Adopt or endorse 3 community led plans per year





- Figures are largely stable but based on limited datasets for specific areas like SSSIs
- Challenge of monitoring outcomes and impact when reliant on datasets provided by others
- Potential to carry out a specific piece of large scale work once every 5 or 10 years alongside review of PMP



### **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FROM 2016/17**

CHALK GRASSLAND, WOODLAND, HEATHLAND & RIVER SITES ...maintained and

enhanced across the National Park





### SCHOOL CHILDREN

from our more deprived communities visited the National Park thanks to the SDNPA Travel Grant

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### **KEY SPECIES**

are being monitored

VOLUNTEERING DAYS

supporting National Park work





**EVENTS** attended



#### **PLANNING**

£1,559,216 secured by section 106 agreements 



#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(major, minor and other) dealt with within agreed timescales



**FORESTERS** engaged in



historic features identified by

LiDAR DATA

**NUMBER OF** PARTNERS...

...who held events during our Dark Skies festival



...working on Heathlands Reunited



...using the National Park shared identity

WALKS & RIDES available on ViewRanger





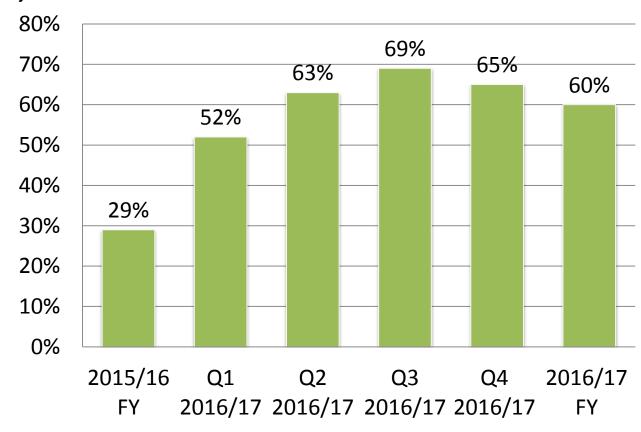


- Corporate plan information is in performance measures and data on projects
- Officers will review items that are amber
- Challenge around identification and measurement of indicator species



# Validation (Within 5 Working Days)

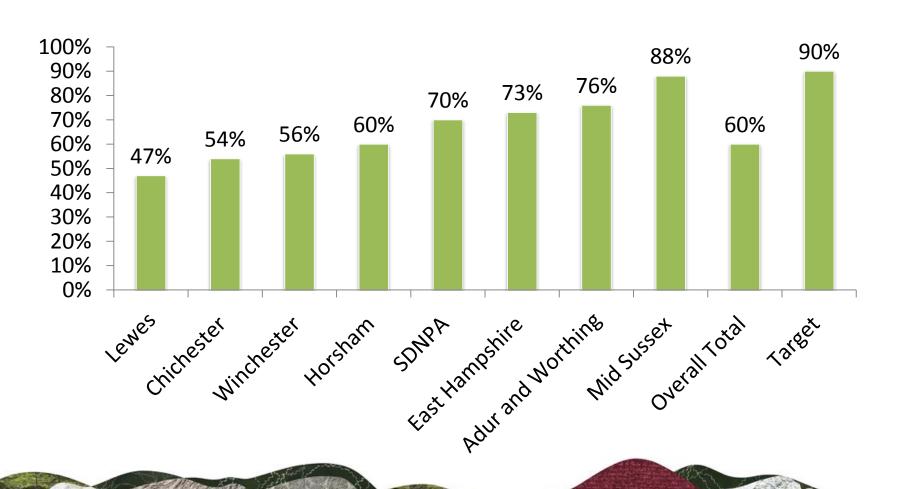






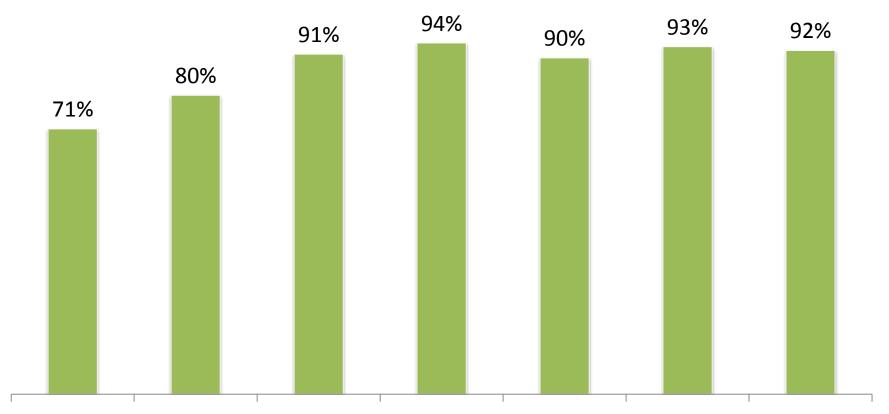
# Comparative Validation Performance 2016/17 (Within 5 Working Days)





# Speed of Decision Making – Statutory Cases Within Government Target Time



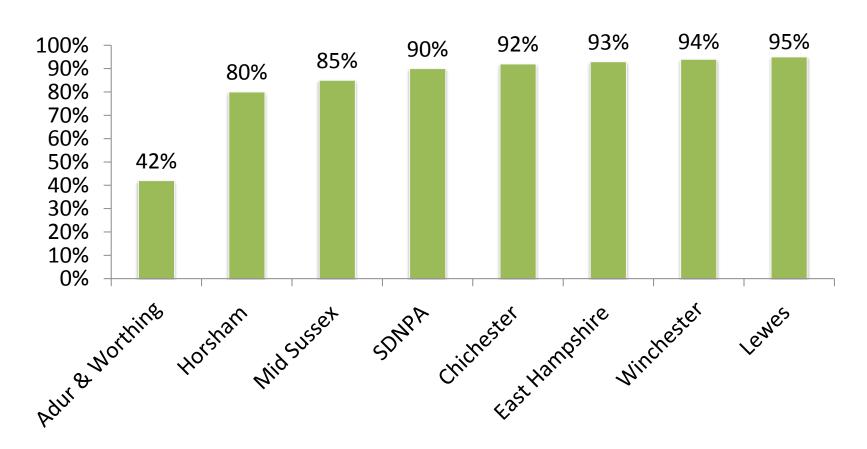


2014/15 FY 2015/16 FY Q1 2016/17 Q2 2016/17 Q3 2016/17 Q4 2016/17 2016/17 FY



## Comparative Speed of Decision Making (Statutory Cases – 2016/17)





### **Cases Determined**

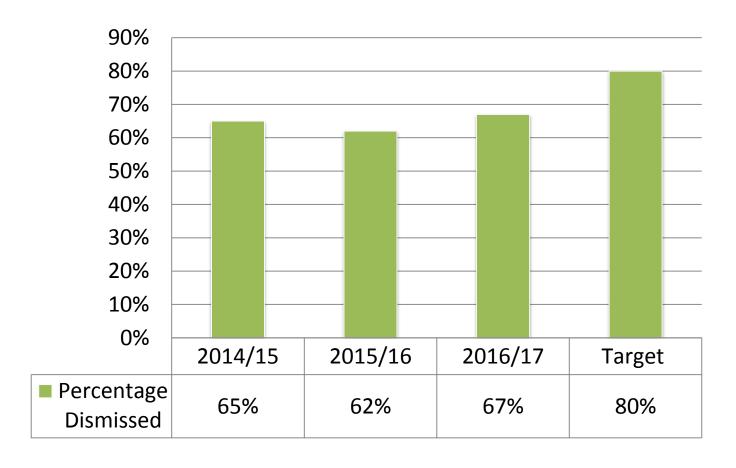


- 2,588 statutory applications were dealt with in total across the Park in the financial year (up 4% from 2015/16)
- In 88% of all statutory applications were dealt with by the host authorities
- An additional 2,791 non statutory cases were dealt with in the year
- 74% of these non statutory applications were dealt with in time, compared to 64% in 2015/16



## Planning Appeals







# Comparative Appeal Performance – 2016/17



Authority	Number of Appeal Decisions	% Dismissed
SDNPA (inc. Minerals and Waste)	15	67%
Chichester	27	74%
East Hampshire	15	67%
Horsham	4	50%
Lewes	7	43%
Winchester	10	70%
Host Authority Overall	63	67%



## Corporate Plan



- Generally good project performance
- 4 projects are amber 1 is red
- Small increase in number of complaints
- Key issue is around our process and record keeping



## Improvement Plan



- Improvements generally come from project evaluations and in the case of planning the customer survey
- Many have been around project management and process – measures have been put in place to address the issues
- New planning customer survey will be carried out during 2017-18

