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## **SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee will be held at **10am on 29 March 2018** at **The Memorial Hall, South Downs Centre, North Street, Midhurst, GU29 9DH**

**Trevor Beattie**  
Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

### **AGENDA**

#### **PART I**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declaration of Interests**  
To enable Members to declare to the meeting any disclosable interest they may have in any matter on the agenda for the meeting.
- 3. Minutes of previous Policy and Resources Committee meetings**  
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 27 February 2018. (page 1)
- 4. Matters arising**  
To enable any matters arising from the Policy and Resources Committee minutes that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda to be raised.
- 5. Urgent Matters**  
To consider any matter on the agenda which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency to due special circumstances.
- 6. Public participation**  
To hear questions or comments from members of the public present at the meeting.
- 7. Need for Part II Exclusion of Press and Public**  
The Committee is asked to consider whether, in respect of **Agenda Items 18 & 19** 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 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, being information relating to the financial and business affairs of individuals, companies and other organisations, 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. This conclusion is reached on the basis that whilst there is a public interest in maintaining transparency of Authority proceedings in relation to commercial activities it is felt that on balance this is outweighed by the requirement of the National Park Authority to be able to discuss commercial activities and fully consider the implications of its actions or proposed actions without commercially sensitive information being released into the public domain.

### **STRATEGY**

- 8. Highfield Whole Estate Plan**  
To consider a report from the Director of Countryside and Policy Management (PR08/18 page 9)
- 9. Iford Whole Estate Plan**  
To consider a report from the Director of Countryside and Policy Management (PR09/18 page 13).

## AUDIT

### 10. Internal Audit Strategy, Charter and Annual Plan 2018/19

To consider a report from the Internal Auditor (PR10/18 page 17).

## PERFORMANCE & PROCEDURES

### 11. Property and Accommodation Review

To consider a report from the Head of Business Services (PR11/18 page 33)

### 12. Corporate Plan – Bridge Year 2018-19

To consider a report from the Performance and Project Manager (PR12/18 page 37)

### 13. Project Evaluation Report

To consider a report from the Performance and Project Manager (PR13/18 page 45)

## GRANTS & PROJECTS

### 14. Rampion Wind Farm Update

To consider a report from the Countryside Policy Manager East (PR14/18 page 91)

### 15. Project Approval – Truleigh Hill Landscape project

To consider a report from the Performance and Project Manager (PR15/18 page 97)

### 16. Project Approval – South Downs National Park Authority projects that contribute to the Changing Chalk Heritage Lottery Fund bid by the National Trust

To consider a report from the Performance and Project Manager (PR16/18 page 151)

### 17. SDNPA Response to ESSO Pipeline Consultation

To consider a report from the Wealden Heath Countryside Policy Manager (PR17/18 page 209)

## PART II

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| The papers for the next item(s) are <b>enclosed for Members of the Committee only (pink paper)</b> . |
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### 18. Exempt Minutes of previous meeting held on 27 February 2018 (Part II)

To approve as a correct record the Part II minutes of the Policy & Programme Committee meeting held on 27 February 2018 (page 277). These minutes are not for publication as they contains exempt information within Paragraphs 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, being information relating to the financial and business affairs of the Authority, 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

### 19. Enterprise and Investment Group Update

To consider a report from the Head of Business Services (PR18/18 page 281)

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**To all Members of the Policy & Resources Committee:**

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|---|---------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Sebastian Anstruther                                      | Ken Bodfish   | Tim Burr            | Jo Carr          |
| Chris Dowling   | Janet Duncton | Mark Dunn           | Philip Ede       |
| Daniel Humphreys  | Helen Jackson | Russell Oppenheimer | Sue Saville      |
| Pete West   |               |                     |                  |
| <b>Independent Members of the Committee</b>               |               | Lewis Doyle         | Carole Nicholson |
| <b>Ex officio Members (may participate but not vote):</b> |               | Margaret Paren      | Norman Dingemans |

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