

Reviewing the South Downs Partnership Management Plan 2014-2019

Background paper for SDLAF Meeting 21st November 2018

The first South Downs Partnership Management Plan (PMP) was launched in 2014. It sets out a vision and outcomes that are long-term (showing where we want to get to by 2050), policies that are for five years and beyond and a delivery framework showing projects and initiatives that will be undertaken over the next five years. The plan is for all those with an interest in or influence on the area and was prepared by the NPA in close association with a wider range of partners and stakeholders.

Following consultation with partners and stakeholders (including the LAF in November 2017) the review of the Partnership Management Plan “Outcomes” and “Policy wording” is now at a final draft stage. The wording of the Outcome and Policies relating to ‘Access’ has been found to be still relevant and fit for purpose and is therefore currently unchanged. The wording is shown below.

Outcome 5: Outstanding visitor experiences are underpinned by a high-quality access and sustainable transport network, supporting improved health and wellbeing.

Access Policies

Policy 28: Improve and maintain rights of way and access land, to provide a better connected and accessible network for a range of abilities and users, and to reduce conflict where it occurs.

Policy 29: Enhance the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors by encouraging, supporting and developing the use of the National Park as a place for healthy outdoor activity and relaxation.

Policy 30: Develop ‘access for all’ opportunities, particularly supporting those groups currently underrepresented in the National Park visitor profile.

What’s next?

The SDNPA is now working with partners to develop a Delivery Framework for the 5 year period 2019- 2024. This will consist of ‘Priority Programmes’ with individual projects sitting under them that will deliver the agreed ‘Outcomes’.

The draft Priority Programmes for Outcome 5 are listed below.

- 5.1. Widen participation of those groups currently under-represented in the SDNP visitor profile (BAME, people with disabilities, young people and people from areas of social deprivation) through targeted activities and promotion
- 5.2. Develop, deliver and manage a network of high quality National Trails and NMP routes connecting communities with the landscape, heritage, attractions and transport hubs and gateways.
- 5.3. Improve visitor services, interpretation, information and infrastructure to increase accessibility to as wide a number of users as possible to and around the National Park
- 5.4. Work with bus and rail operators to develop information and initiatives that encourage sustainable access into and around the National Park
- 5.5. Promote the National Park as an outdoor activity destination

Questions for the SD LAF

Do you agree with the Priority Programmes shown above? Are there too many? Are there any missing? Is the wording correct?

Do you or any of your representative groups / organisations have any projects that you are planning / delivering or have an inspiration to deliver that would fit under these Priority programmes over the next 5 years?

Further information, background and guidance will be given during the LAF meeting.

A full copy of the current plan can be found on our website using the link below. The section containing the relevant policies and supporting text begins on page 46

<http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/SDNP-Partnership-Management-Plan-2014-19.pdf>

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