

Report to	South Downs National Park Authority
Date	26 March 2020
By	Performance and Research Lead
Title of Report Decision	Corporate Plan 2020-25

Recommendation: The Authority is recommended to:

- 1. Approve the South Downs National Park Authority Corporate Plan 2020-25, as set out in Appendix I of this report, subject to:**
 - a) any amendments required to address the comments made by the NPA;**
 - b) the final design of the Corporate Plan; and**
 - c) any minor text amendments considered appropriate,****being approved by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the Authority.**

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out the draft Corporate Plan for 2020-25, which members are asked to receive and approve. A draft was received at the P&R Committee on 27 February 2020 (see report PR19/20/20-30) and Members recommended approval to the National Park Authority (NPA).
- 1.2 The current Corporate Plan was approved by the NPA at its meeting on 28 March 2019 (Report NPA05/19). It was a second bridge year plan, as we developed our new 5 year plan linked to the revised Partnership Management Plan, which was approved by the NPA in December 2019 (Report NPA19/20-21).

2. A new five year Corporate Plan for 2020-2025

- 2.1 The Corporate Plan identifies organisational priorities for the next 5 years, (2020-25). It includes:
 - Large projects
 - Areas of work that require significant resource to enable delivery
 - Cross organisational areas of work, and
 - New or innovative pieces of work that we have not done before
- 2.2 More detailed plans are maintained by individual teams and Theme Programme Boards.
- 2.3 The Corporate Plan follows the format of previous plans and sets out what we expect to achieve over the first year of the plan period.

2.4 The key priorities in the Corporate Plan will be monitored by Policy and Resources Committee on a quarterly basis. Measures of success will be reported on annually and will largely run for the lifetime of the Corporate Plan to measure change over time. Targets will be set for all measures of success.

2.5 The draft Corporate Plan is at **Appendix I**.

3. Options & cost implications

3.1 The Corporate Plan is developed alongside the budget and will be reviewed each year. There is minimal cost associated with the development of the Corporate Plan itself apart from some small cost for design. The budget will be subject to a separate report and approval from the Authority.

4. Next steps

4.1 Following comments and approval of the content by NPA, the content of the Corporate Plan will be revised as necessary, produced in its public format, and published in April 2020.

5. Other Implications

Implication	Yes*/No
Will further decisions be required by another committee/full authority?	No
Does the proposal raise any Resource implications?	No
How does the proposal represent Value for Money?	Implications of this report in itself do not raise an issue of value for money. However, the projects that the organisation has funded are assessed for value for money when they are approved. In addition, projects are evaluated individually for value for money when they finish. This is reported regularly to the Policy and Resources Committee.
Are there any Social Value implications arising from the proposal?	No
Have you taken regard of the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equality Act 2010?	Yes, no adverse equalities implications have been identified. All projects in the Corporate Plan will go through an assessment as part of the project approval process.
Are there any Human Rights implications arising from the proposal?	No
Are there any Crime & Disorder implications arising from the proposal?	No
Are there any Health & Safety implications arising from the proposal?	No
Are there any Data Protection implications?	No

Are there any sustainability implications based on the 5 principles set out in the SDNPA Sustainability Strategy?	No, not directly although during development of the Corporate Plan, sustainability issues are included as part of the process.
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6. Risks Associated with the Proposed Decision

6.1 Robust corporate planning and monitoring of performance are part of the mitigations for our corporate risk as detailed in the table below:

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation
Unforeseen changes to the level of funding provided by relevant Government departments for future years	Likely	Minor	A robust monitoring and project approval system and regular reporting to relevant Committees on projects and the budget available along with a Corporate Plan which sets clear priorities to support delivery of Partnership Management Plan outcomes.

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Appendices	1. Corporate Plan 2020-25 Year 1 action plan
SDNPA Consultees	Chief Executive; Director of Countryside Policy and Management; Director of Planning; Chief Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer; Legal Services, Business Service Manager; Countryside and Policy Managers
External Consultees	None
Background Documents	Report to Policy and Resources Committee February 2019 Report to NPA 28 March 2019 Report to the NPA approving the Partnership Management Plan Appendix 1 Appendix 2

