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**SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY MEETING**

All Members are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the South Downs National Park Authority to be held at **2.00 pm on Thursday, 15th October, 2020** at the **South Downs Centre, Midhurst**

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 the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 12)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Authority meeting held on 7 July 2020.
- 4. Matters Arising**

To enable any matters arising from the 7 July 2020 Authority meeting 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 due to special circumstances (if Members have any urgent matters they are asked to consult the Chair before the meeting commences).
- 6. Public Participation**

The Chair will allow members of the public to ask questions, make statements or present a petition on any matter on the agenda for this meeting or on any matter that falls within the Authority's powers, subject to procedures set out in Appendix 3 to the Authority's Standing Orders.
- 7. Need for Part II Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Authority is asked to consider whether, in respect of Agenda Item 17, 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 a particular person including 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. This conclusion was reached on the basis that whilst there is a public interest in maintaining transparency of Authority proceedings in relation to the business of the Authority it is felt that on balance this is outweighed by the requirement of the National Park Authority to be able to undertake considerations in relation to its business and fully consider the implications of its actions or proposed actions without the disclosure of information that could undermine its position.
- 8. Authority Chair Update (Pages 13 - 16)**

To consider a report from the Authority Chair (Report NPA20/21-08).
- 9. Chief Executive's Progress Report (Pages 17 - 24)**

To consider a report from the Chief Executive (Report NPA20/21-09).

- 10. Update on the Wild Chalk and Secrets of the Heath Events** (Pages 25 - 28)
To consider a report from the Communications and Engagement Manager (Report NPA20/21-10).
- 11. SDNPA Response to the White Paper: Planning for the Future** (Pages 29 - 50)
To consider a report from the Planning Policy Manager (Report NPA20/21-11).
- 12. Member Representation and Engagement** (Pages 51 - 60)
To consider a report from the Head of Governance (Report NPA20/21-12).
- 13. Revised Member Code of Conduct and Related Matters** (Pages 61 - 104)
To consider a report from the Monitoring Officer and the Head of Governance (Report NPA20/21-13).
- 14. Review of Financial Governance Documents** (Pages 105 - 176)
To consider a report from the Head of Governance and the Head of Business Services (Report NPA20/21-14).

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- 15. Planning Committee** (Pages 177 - 210)
Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 11 June, 9 July, 13 August and 10 September 2020.
- 16. Policy and Resources Committee** (Pages 211 - 218)
Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 16 July 2020.

PART II

THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ONLY

- 17. Part II Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
To approve as a correct record the part II minutes of the Authority meeting held on 7 July 2020.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Members' Interests

SDNPA Members have a primary responsibility for ensuring that the Authority furthers the National Park Purposes and Duty. Members regard themselves first and foremost as Members of the Authority, and will act in the best interests of the National Park as a whole, rather than as representatives of their appointing body or any interest groups.

Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest that is not already entered in the Authority's register of interests, and any personal interest and/or public service interest (as defined in Paragraph 18 of the Authority's Code of Conduct) they may consider relevant to an item of business being considered at the meeting (such disclosure to be made at the commencement of the meeting, or when the interest becomes apparent).

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