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SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee will be held at **1.30pm on 29 April 2021** online using the Zoom Cloud Meetings Software

Trevor Beattie
Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

AGENDA

- 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 25th February 2021. (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 the items indicated 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 for the reasons given.
- 8. Co-optee Introduction**
To receive a verbal introduction from the 2 new Co-opted Members.

STRATEGIES AND POLICIES

- 9. Partnership Management Plan Delivery – Rural Economy & Introduction to the South Downs Enterprise Partnership**
To consider a report from the Enterprise Development Strategic Lead & Sustainable Tourism Lead (PR20/21-39 page 9).
- 10. Changing Chalk Project Update**
To consider a report from the Countryside and Policy Manager (Eastern Downs), Landscape and Biodiversity Lead (Water) & Landscape and Biodiversity Lead (Chalk) (PR20/21-40 page 21).
- 11. Truleigh Hill Landscape End Project –‘End of Project’ Review**
To consider a report from the Landscape and Biodiversity Lead (Chalk) (PR20/21-41 page 41)

GOVERNANCE

- 12. Internal Audit - Strategy and Annual Audit Plan 2021/22**
To consider a report from the Chief Internal Auditor (PR20/21-42 page 65).

13. Internal Audit - Progress Report

To consider a report from the Chief Internal Auditor (PR20/21-43 page 81).

14. External Audit Plan 2020/21

To consider a report from Grant Thornton (External Auditor) (PR20/21-44 page 89)

15. Corporate Risk Register

To consider a report from the Head of Governance & Support Services (PR20/21-45 page 113).

To all Members of the Policy & Resources Committee:

Annie Brown, Tim Burr, Angus Dunn, Melanie Hunt, Doug Jones, Baroness Jones of Whitchurch, Michael Lunn, Russell Oppenheimer, Martin Osborne, Henry Potter, Isabel Thurston and Stephen Whale.

Independent Members of the Committee

Tom Fourcade

Carole Nicholson

Co-opted Members of the Committee

Morris Findley

Lawrence Leather

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