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**SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

**AUTHORITY MEETING**

All Members are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the South Downs National Park Authority to be held at **10.30am on 21 October 2021** at the **Memorial Hall, South Downs Centre, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex, 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 the previous meetings held on 6 July 2021.**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Authority meeting held on 6 July 2021 (Page 5).

**4. Matters arising**

To enable any matters arising from the 6 July 2021 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 to due 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 paragraphs 3 and 5 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 Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings 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 the transparency of Authority proceedings, it is felt that on balance this is outweighed by the requirement of the Authority to be able to fully consider the implications of its actions and proposed actions in relation to the Section

101 agreements for the ongoing delivery of its planning service without the disclosure of information that could undermine its position or its ability to deliver value for money through these processes.

**8. Authority Chair Update**

To consider a report from the Authority Chair (Report NPA21/22-06 Page 13).

**9. Chief Executive's Progress Report**

To consider a report from the Chief Executive (Report NPA21/22-07 Page 17).

**10. Summary of the Wild Chalk Festival**

To receive a verbal update from the Events and Engagement Officer.

**11. Partnership Management Plan Delivery - Nature Recovery**

To consider a report from the Countryside and Policy Manager - Eastern Downs (Report NPA21/22-08 Page 25).

**12. Audited Statement of Accounts 2020/21 and Letter of Representation**

To consider a report from the Chief Finance Officer (Report NPA21/22-09 Page 53).

**13. External Audit - Audit Results Report 2020/21**

To consider a report from the Grant Thornton (External Auditor) (Report NPA21/22-10 Page 143).

**14. Approval of East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Local Plan Review Regulation 19 Consultation**

To consider a report from the Director of Planning (Report NPA21/22-11 Page 177).

**15. Governance Matters**

To consider a report from the Head of Governance & Support Services (Report NPA21/22-12 Page 265).

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**16. Planning Committee**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 10 June, 12 August and 9 September 2021 (Page 277).

**17. Policy & Resources Committee**

Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 15 July 2021 (Page 311).

**PART II**

**THE NEXT ITEM IS FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ONLY**

**18. Delegated Host Authority Arrangements**

To consider a report from the Director of Planning (Report NPA21/22-13).

This report is not for publication as it contains exempt information within paragraphs 3 and 5 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 Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings 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.

## **TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

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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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