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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 30 March 2023** 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 meeting held on 14 December 2023

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Authority meeting held on 14 December 2023 (Page 5).

4. 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).

5. 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.

6. Need for Part II Exclusion of Press and Public

The Authority is asked to consider whether, in respect of Appendix I to Agenda Item 13, 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 I of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, being information relating to an individual, 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 is reached on the basis that whilst there is a public interest in the transparency of Authority proceedings it is felt that on balance this outweighed by the individual's right to privacy pending their appointment to an official Authority position.

7. Authority Chair Update

To consider a report from the Authority Chair (Report NPA22/23-19).

8. Chief Executive's Progress Report

To consider a report from the Chief Executive (Report NPA22/23-20).

9. Centurion Way Extension Project Update Report

To consider a report from the Project Management Lead (Report NPA22/23-21).

10. Invest to Save Reserve Proposal and works at Centurion Way

To consider a report from the Head of Finance and Corporate Services (Report NPA22/23-22).

11. Revenue Budget, Capital Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24-2027/28

To consider a report from the Chief Finance Officer (Report NPA22/23-23).

12. Value for Money Auditors Annual Report 2021/22

To consider a report from the External Auditor (Report NPA22/23-24).

13. Appointment of Independent Persons

To consider a report from the Head of Governance (Report NPA22/23-25).

14. Changes to Financial Delegations – Contract Limits

To consider a report from the Head of Governance (Report NPA22/23-26).

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

15. Planning Committee

Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 10 November, 8 December 2022 and 9 February 2023 (Page 109).

16. Policy and Resources Committee

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 24 Nov 2022 (Page 127).

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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Public Participation and Meeting Attendance

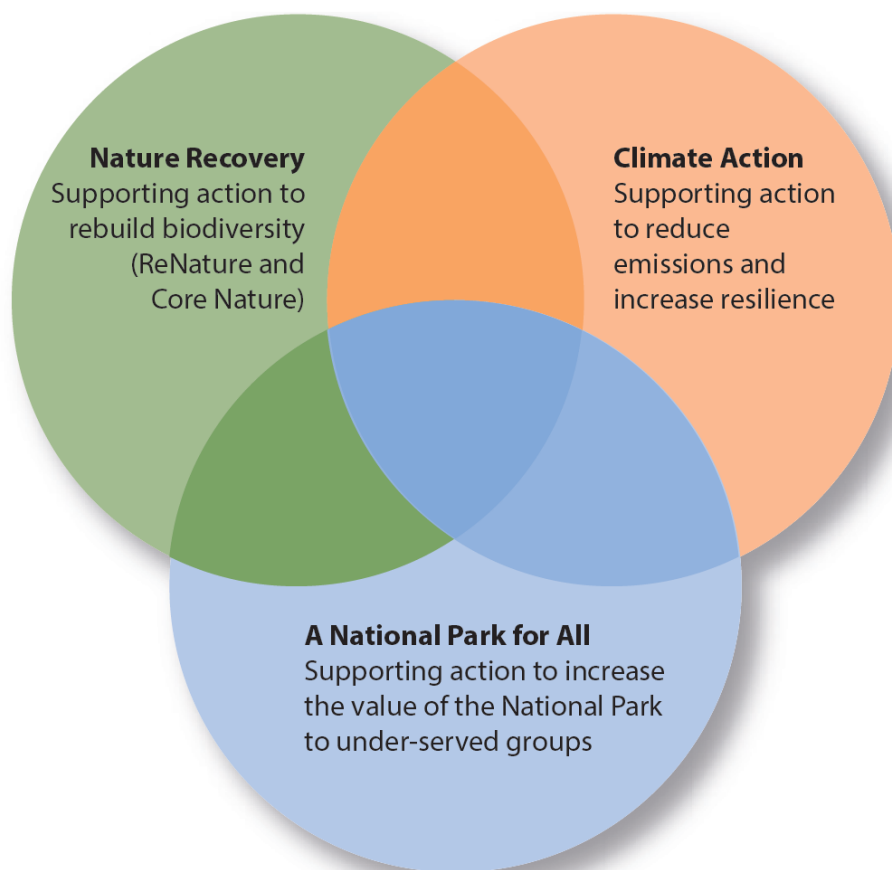
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South Downs National Park Authority Corporate Plan

High Level Targets



NATURE RECOVERY

Supporting action rebuild biodiversity (ReNature and Core Nature).

- To secure an additional 13,000ha, or 33% of land managed for nature by 2030 from a baseline of 25%.
- Maintain, enhance and/or restore existing key sites, habitats and species.

CLIMATE ACTION

Supporting action to reduce emissions and increase resilience.

- South Downs National Park Authority to reduce its carbon footprint by 150 tons per annum in line with the 2030 net zero target.
- 5% reduction per annum in the overall carbon footprint of the South Downs National Park from the baseline reported in 2019.

A NATIONAL PARK FOR ALL

Supporting action to increase the value of the National Park to under-served groups.

- Increase diversity of visitors to, and those engaging with, the South Downs National Park.
- 'Your National Park' campaign reaches 20,000 people by 2025.
- Impact measure for direct engagement.