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SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee will be held at **10.30am on 23 November 2023** at **The Memorial Hall, South Downs Centre, North Street, Midhurst, GU29 9DH**

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 21 September 2023. (page 5)

4. Updates on previous Committee Decisions

To receive any updates on previous decisions from the Policy and Resources Committee minutes that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

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. Chair Update

To receive a verbal update from the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee

STRATEGIES & POLICIES

9. Partnership Management Plan Delivery – Nature Recovery and the Authority’s role in Local Nature Recovery Strategies, the Strengthened Biodiversity Duty and Conservation Covenants as set out in the Environment Act 2021

To consider a report from the Countryside and Policy Manager (Eastern Downs) (PR23/24-19 page 11)

10. Changing Chalk – Project Update

To receive a report from the Countryside and Policy Manager (Eastern Downs) (PR23/24-20 page 27)

11. Corporate Performance Reporting Schedule

To consider a report from the Performance and Projects Manager and Project Management Lead (PR23/24-21 page 33)

12. Q2 Corporate Performance Report 2023/24

To consider a report from the Performance and Projects Manager and Project Management Lead (PR23/24-22 page 39)

13. Q2 South Downs Commercial Operations Limited Performance report 2023/24

To consider a report from the Head of Governance (PR23/24-23 page 61)

GOVERNANCE

14. Corporate Risk Register

To consider a report from the Head of Governance (PR23/24-24 page 67)

15. Budget Monitoring Report 2023/24: Month 6

To consider a report from the Chief Finance Officer (PR23/24-25 page 83)

16. Internal Audit Progress and Implementation

To consider a report from the Chief Internal Auditor (PR23/24-26 page 107)

To all Members of the Policy & Resources Committee:

Annie Brown, Tim Burr, Peter Diplock, Mark Fairweather, Theresa Fowler, Joan Grech, Melanie Hunt, Baroness Jones of Whitchurch, Jerry Pett, Steven Ridgeon and Vicki Wells.

Independent Members of the Committee: Tom Fourcade and Catriona Aves.

Co-opted Members of the Committee: Morris Findley and OlaOlu Adedayo.

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