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**SDNPA PUBLIC AFFAIRS OBJECTIVES 2022-24**  
**Nature & Climate: Our Objectives**

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- All local authorities towards net zero towards 33% of land managed for nature.
- Ensure the three Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) covering the National Park are fit for purpose for the National Park.
- All local authorities to work in partnership with the SDNPA to deliver nature recovery through the planning system using all available mechanisms including biodiversity net gain.
- SDNP to develop a campaign to enable everyone to play their part in climate action.

**National Park for All**

- The SDNP, authorities, parishes and communities in the National Park to actively manage their greenspaces:
  - to improve access for all;
  - to provide greater opportunity for connection to nature;
  - for all to discover and enjoy the National Park.
- Authorities and parishes to ensure their urban green spaces link into the National Park to provide opportunities for nature recovery, access and health and wellbeing.
- All local authorities to use all mechanisms, including Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), to deliver better access and opportunities for connection with nature to all.
- The SDNPA to use its ReNature campaign to raise awareness of the need for nature recovery and to enable everyone to play their part.

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