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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 **1.00pm on 17 October 2024** at the **Memorial Hall, South Downs Centre, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9DH.**

Tim Slaney

Interim 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 9 July 2024 and 22 August 2024

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Authority meetings held on 9 July 2024 and 22 August 2024. (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 Agenda Items 18 and 19 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 1, 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, being information relating to an individual, 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. It is proposed that whilst there is a public interest in the transparency of Authority proceedings, it is felt that on balance this is outweighed by the public interest in the Authority protecting the individual's right to privacy in being considered for appointment as Chief Executive Officer and for appointment as Co-opted Member to one of the Authority's committees, and the public interest in ensuring that the Authority is able to consider matters in relation to its business and the business of others, and fully consider the implications of its actions or proposed actions, with the benefit of specialist advice where appropriate, particularly in

relation to decisions which may have implications on the effective day-to-day running of the Authority and decisions that could undermine its position and/or the position of its Teckal company, or its ability to deliver its services and value for money.

7. Authority Chair Update

To consider a report from the Chair (Report NPA24/25-13 Page 19).

8. Chief Executive's Progress Report

To consider a report from the Chief Executive (Report NPA24/25-14 Page 23).

9. South Downs Partnership Management Plan - Review

To consider a report from the Performance and Project Manager (Report NPA24/25-15 Page 29).

10. Environmental Land Acquisition Framework

To consider a report from the Head of Marketing and Income Generation (Report NPA24/25-16 Page 43).

11. Green Finance / Nature-based Solutions Update

To consider a report from the Countryside and Policy Manager and the Head of Marketing and Income Generation (Report NPA24/25-17 Page 53).

12. ICT Contracts Renewal 2025

To consider a report from the IT Strategy Manager and the Procurement Manager (Report NPA24/25-18 Page 61).

13. Governance Arrangements for Seven Sisters Country Park

To consider a report from the Head of Governance (Report NPA24/25-19 Page 71).

14. Section 101 agreement with West Sussex County Council to manage a cross-boundary planning application for Southern Water Ford to Hardham Water Recycling Pipeline

To consider a report from the Director of Planning (Report NPA24/25-20 Page 81)

15. Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

To consider a report from the Head of Governance (Report NPA24/25-21 Page 87).

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

16. Planning Committee

To note the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 13 June and 11 July 2024 (Page 91).

17. Policy & Resources Committee

To note the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 27 June 2024 (Page 103).

PART II

18. Part II Minutes of the previous meetings held on 9 July 2024 and 22 August 2024

To approve as a correct record the Part II minutes of the Authority meetings held on 9 July 2024 and 22 August 2024.

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19. Policy & Resources Committee

Part II minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 27 June 2024.

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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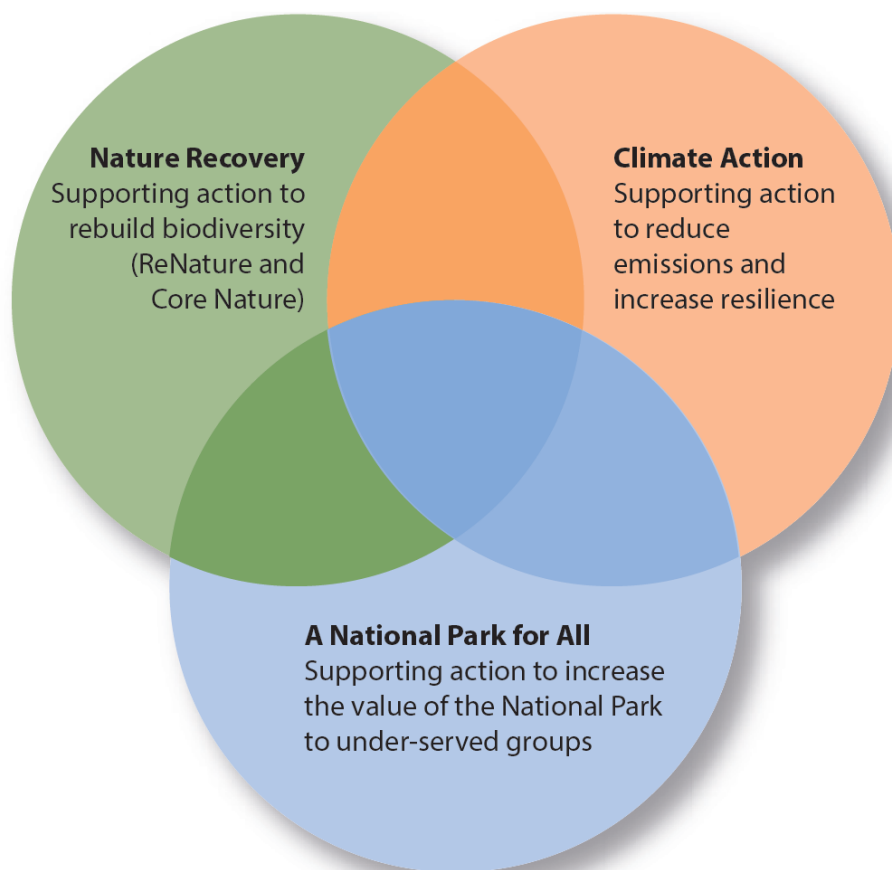
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South Downs National Park Authority Corporate Plan

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.