

DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday 15 May 2015

Present: P Harper, J Nutley (Chairman), P Vogel
Officers: C Walledge (Head of Legal and Democratic Services Monitoring Officer)
In attendance: R Woodall (Independent Person)

146 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Lloyd, Mr Sanders and Mr Blackshaw (Independent Person).

147 Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 21 November 2014

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 21 November 2014 were signed as a correct record.

148 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

149 Public Participation


None.

150 Monitoring Officer's Update

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services gave details of some issues arising since the last meeting of the sub-committee in his role as Monitoring Officer and responded to members' questions.

151 Standards Sub-Committee Annual Report

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reported that the Annual Report is presented to Authority at the Annual Meeting. A draft annual report was circulated to members of the sub-committee capturing the key messages covering the period from July 2014 to May 2015 for discussion and note:

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- A good year with no issues should be highlighted;
- Recognition of the contribution made by Independent Persons in their observation role.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services confirmed that following ratification by the Authority, the annual report will be published on the Authority's website. Members' attention was drawn to the law attendance at the two most recent meetings of the sub-committee and that the quorum is just three members, of whom one must be a local authority member.

152 Observation Reports

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services circulated the observation reports from recent committee meetings to Members. He advised that no patterns or trends were identifiable from the reports. It was highlighted that 3 references were made regarding the overrunning of public speaking. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services circulated the current wording on the website for members of the public on 'Public Speaking at the Development management Committee' which was discussed.

Members briefly discussed the Observation sheets handed out by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

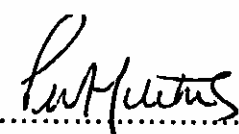
Comments from members of the sub-committee included:

- Good to see lots of positive comments on the forms
- Conduct for arrival part way through meeting to be mentioned at Member training.

153 Appointment of Independent Person(s)

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reported that legislation requires the appointments of Independent Persons, Mr Blackshaw and Mr Woodall, to be terminated in July 2015. An advertisement for the positions will be placed in local newspaper and on social media week commencing 18 May 2015. Interviews to take place 3-4 weeks time. It was agreed the interview panel will consist of Chair of Authority plus Monitoring Officer and one individual independent person as advisor, (Mr Woodall or Mr Blackshaw).

The Chairman noted that this was Mr Woodall's last meeting and thanked him, on behalf of the Authority, for his and Mr Blackshaw's work since 2008.

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