

DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday 24 May 2019

Present: Peter Harper, Philip Sanders, Derek Webber, Pamela Woods

Officers: Kevin Bishop, Chief Executive (National Park Officer)
Neil White, Head of Organisational Development & Monitoring Officer

Apologies: K Ball, A Cooper

In attendance: Mike Galt (Independent Person)

202 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies had been received from Kevin Ball and Andrew Cooper.

203 Minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2018

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 2 November 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

204 Declarations of Interest

None.

205 Public Participation

None.

206 Monitoring Officer's Update

The Monitoring Officer provides informal advice on standards and probity issues from time to time. He advised that there had been no formal complaints raised under the Code of Conduct and there have been no Standards issues raised since the last meeting in November 2018.

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that the specific Members training due in February which was cancelled due to bad weather will be rearranged once the Annual meeting has taken place on 14 June 2019.

RESOLVED: Members NOTED the update.

Signed  Date 1st Nov 2019

207 Standards Sub-Committee Annual Reports

The Monitoring Officer summarised the Annual Report. Members discussed the requirement to declare independent site visits to the Development Management case officer. The Monitoring Officer will ensure these items are incorporated into the training at the Annual Member Workshop in September.

RESOLVED: Members agreed the Annual Reports for 2018/19.

208 Observation Reports

The Monitoring Officer advised that he receives the observation reports from the Independent Persons and that these are available for inspection if required. He reported that no significant concerns or patterns had been identified. It has, however, been observed that side conversations by Members during meetings is still an issue and also the need to ensure that Members always inform the Chair if leaving a meeting prior to its conclusion.

The Chair also commented on the use of mobile phones being present and looked at during meetings.

The Chief Executive (National Park Officer), through the Chair, thanked the Independent Persons for their commitment and input. Members echoed his thanks.

209 Next Meeting

Friday 1 November 2019.