

**DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

**STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Friday 3 November 2023**

**Present:**

Members

A Cooper, W Dracup, P Harper, S Morgan (Chair), J Nutley,  
M Renders, P Sanders, P Woods

C Shewan, C Farrell (Independent Persons)

Officers

K Bishop (Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

N White (Head of Organisational Development & Monitoring Officer)

R Drysdale (Director of Conservation and Communities)

A Stirland (Head of Business Support)

**Apologies:** None

**253 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 May 2023**

Save for the amendment detailed below, the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record:

Minute 251 – Observation Report – Mrs Farrell advised that paragraph 3 should read:

*“... She is impressed with the standard of critical challenge of conduct of the Committees ...”*

**254 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**255 Public Participation**

None.

**256 Monitoring Officer's Update**

There have been no formal complaints relating to Members of the Authority since the last meeting.

On Friday 8 September the Annual Member Workshop took place focusing on:

- Challenges and opportunities facing Dartmoor – the National Park
- Challenges and opportunities facing the National Park Authority
- What do you see as priorities for the Authority?

The afternoon session focused on:

- Role of the Rangers
- Next steps with byelaw review

There has also been a recent discussion with the Chairs Advisory Group regarding Member engagement, Member appraisals and also communication and expectations. Actions agreed include:

- Review of our Member appraisal process (ongoing)
- Update the list of Link Member for PCs (completed)
- Promote the value of the Working Panels to all Members
- Review Member induction to ensure we are clear in terms of expectations

**RESOLVED: Members noted this update.**

**257 Observation Reports**

The Head of Organisational Development confirmed that he regularly received the observation reports from the Independent Persons following each formal meeting. These are carefully reviewed and are available for inspection if required.

Some minor issues have been raised and addressed; however, no significant concerns identified.

He thanked both Independent Persons for their support and valued feedback to the Authority; appreciation of their role was echoed by the Members of the Sub-Committee.

**258 Date of Next Meeting**

Friday 31 May 2024.