

DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday 1 November 2019

- Present:** Mr A Cooper, Mr J Nutley, Dr R Parkinson, Mr P Sanders, Mr P Vogel, Mr D Webber, Ms P Woods
- Officers:** Dr K Bishop, Chief Executive (National Park Officer)
Mr N White, Head of Organisational Development & Monitoring Officer
- Apologies:** Mr P Harper
- In attendance:** Mr M Galt (Independent Person)
Mr N Tigwell (Independent Person)

210 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies had been received from Mr Harper.

211 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 24 November 2019 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

212 Declarations of Interest

None.

213 Public Participation

None.

214 Monitoring Officer's Update

The Monitoring Officer advised Members that no formal complaints had been received.

With regard to Member training, the Induction Programme has been reviewed and updated, including sections on decision making, probity, legal and governance process, and a welcome from the Chief Executive. The Members' Annual Workshop had been well received.

The Chairman thanked Mr Galt for his work as an Independent Person and offered a warm welcome to Mr Tigwell. The Monitoring Officer advised that he

has been contacted by Mrs Shewan; she is looking forward to returning in the New Year.

215 Observation Reports

The Monitoring Officer advised that he receives the observation report from the Independent Persons and that these are available for inspection if required. He reported that no significant concerns or patterns had been identified. He was pleased to report that the issue of 'side conversations' held between Members during meetings had been resolved.

Mr Galt reported that, in his opinion, the meetings had been run well. There had been intermittent issues with regard to the audio equipment but these, on the whole, were dealt with as swiftly as possible. He asked that the Chairs advise attendees, at the beginning of each meeting, of the procedures to follow on hearing the fire alarm.

A Member commented that the induction training he had received as a new Member, including the advice from the Monitoring Officer regarding legal changes, was very positive.

216 Next Meeting

Friday 22 May 2020.