

DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

6 March 2015

BUSINESS PLAN 2015/16Report of the Chief Executive (National Park Officer)Recommendation: **That Members:**

- (i) **Approve the Business Plan 2015/16 for publication;**
- (ii) **Authorise Audit and Governance Committee to review the process for performance management and agree any proposed changes.**

1 Background

1.1 Members will be aware that the Authority has endeavoured to refine its Business Planning processes and documents over the years in order to:

- Provide a more strategic approach
- Develop measurable outcomes
- Be proportionate to the size of the organisation
- Be clear about priorities

1.2 A key role of the Business Plan is to provide a link between the National Park Management Plan (Your Dartmoor) and individual work programmes and staff appraisals. As approved by the Authority a separate annual review is produced separately in June each year to report on performance and highlight key projects undertaken in the year.

1.3 Although funding should be confirmed for three year periods through the Spending Review process, this has not happened. As a consequence the Business Plan is produced on an annual basis rather than every three years. Some actions will, of course, have a much longer timeline.

2 Priorities for 2015/16

2.1 The priorities for the Authority are reviewed on an annual basis commencing in July each year at the annual Member workshop. The Authority agreed the priorities for 2015/16 at the November 2014 Authority meeting (NPA/14/044). In no particular order they are:

- Conservation of the natural and historic environment
- Work to support a sustainable farming economy
- Promote a positive experience of Dartmoor National Park for residents and visitors
- Work towards ensuring Dartmoor has a thriving local economy
- Improve support to and engagement with local communities
- Be an excellent organisation

- 2.2 The Business Plan (see appendix 1) also sets out the way we will work. Whilst our work is presented under three themes that link to Your Dartmoor – the National Park Management: Sustain, Enjoy and Prosper our overall goal is to work in an integrated way (often with partners) to ensure that each work area or priority action considers and delivers across all three themes. A project might be focused on sustaining the natural environment but we will always look to ensure we consider and deliver links with the prosperity and enjoyment themes.
- 2.3 The Business Plan identifies key actions to help deliver these six priorities. The actions also reflect the desire of Members for our work programmes to have a clearer focus on:
- **Engagement** – how we work with local communities and communities of interest to deliver for Dartmoor.
 - **Communication** – more effective at talking with people about what we do, why and how and listening and responding to their views and ideas.
 - **Evidence** – able to base our actions on evidence: to demonstrate the impact and value of what we do.
 - **Funding** – opportunities to generate external income.
- 2.4 The current Performance Management Framework for the Business Plan and the work of the Authority in general is attached at appendix 2. It is proposed that Audit and Governance Committee review this in parallel with our general approach to reporting progress on the Business Plan to determine whether it is possible to streamline the process and thus save resources.

3 Equality and Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010 (the Act) the Authority must prepare and publish one or more objectives it thinks it should achieve in pursuance of the general duty under the Act. Members will note that the Business Plan includes specific priorities to promote a positive experience of Dartmoor National Park for residents and visitors and to be an excellent organisation. These priorities will include actions which promote equality of access and awareness and understanding of diversity and have been incorporated into the performance monitoring framework.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising specifically from the draft Business Plan. All the actions are within the agreed revenue budget for 2015/16 (NPA/15/006) or funded through the Landscape Partnership supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund – *Moor than meets the eye*. The full Business Plan will not be published in hard copy but we are exploring the possibility of producing an ‘infographic’ that provides information on key priorities and actions. The full Business Plan will be available to read or download from the website.

KEVIN BISHOP



DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY BUSINESS PLAN 2015-2016

Welcome

The Authority is charged by Parliament to help conserve and sustain the National Park, promote its enjoyment and understanding and foster the well-being of local communities. This is a challenging and rewarding role. We want to hand on to future generations a Dartmoor that is a living, working landscape that can be enjoyed by all.

Like many organisations and individuals the Authority is having to cope with continued reductions to our core grant. Over the last five years we have had to respond to a real terms reduction in funding of over 40 per cent. We have no indication of funding for future years beyond 2015/16 and this uncertainty makes it very difficult to plan with any certainty.

Despite this financial constraint our ambition to act as a powerful and effective enabler and advocate for Dartmoor National Park; working with others to deliver a National Park that is thriving, inspirational and valued remains. Our business plan sets out what this means in practice and how we will seek to achieve it.

The Business Plan supports the wider National Park Management Plan – *Your Dartmoor*. *Your Dartmoor* sets a long-term vision for the National Park which is shared by the Authority and other partners. This Business Plan explains how the Authority will contribute to delivering the vision and priorities identified in the Management Plan.

Our challenge is to work, in partnership, to conserve Dartmoor's special qualities; enable people to enjoy them; and to do this in ways which help develop understanding of the National Park and contribute to the local economy - and to do this with less resource. We look forward to working with you to deliver this Business Plan and the Vision for Dartmoor National Park.

Peter Harper, Chairman
Kevin Bishop, Chief Executive

Vision for Dartmoor National Park

Dartmoor, an inspirational place where, in 2034:

- *The natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage are conserved, **sustained** and enhanced*
- *Local people and visitors **enjoy** and learn more about the National Park*
- *Local communities and businesses **prosper** and benefit from Dartmoor's human and natural resources*

The National Park is an exemplar in delivering a range of public benefits, and leading the way in developing new approaches and thinking¹

How we will deliver for Dartmoor National Park

“We will act as an enabler and advocate for Dartmoor National Park; working with others to deliver a National Park that is thriving, inspirational and valued”

By this we mean:

Enabler	Making things happen Generating and receiving ideas Experimenting and learning Prepared to take managed risks
Advocate	Raise the profile The voice for Dartmoor National Park Lead by example
Others	From local communities to Ministers
Thriving	From local businesses, farming, biodiversity to cultural heritage and local services
Inspirational	Through the work we do, and the special qualities of the National Park, inspire people to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage, enjoy and help look after the National Park; • Support and demonstrate how to live differently (i.e. within environmental limits); • Encourage people to try new things, learn more.
Valued	Support for the National Park Recognition by local communities, visitors, Government and partners of the importance of the National Park and the work of the Authority

In addition a number of core values will underpin the way in which we work.

We will:

- ensure that our relationships with the public, partners and each other are founded on honesty, transparency impartiality and consistency, demonstrating equality and fairness in everything that we do and being open to challenge
- value the people who work for Dartmoor - our staff, Members, and volunteers and seek to involve, empower and develop them
- place the environment at the heart of everything we do

¹ Dartmoor National Park Management Plan 2014 – 2019 www.yourdartmoor.org.uk

Our Business Plan

Dartmoor National Park Authority is a small organisation with limited resources available to fulfil our two statutory purposes of:

- *conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park*
- *promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the area by the public.*
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In carrying out this work, we are also required to:

- *seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the National Park.*

In the context of severely reducing resources it is imperative that the Authority focuses on key priorities. Much of the work we do is undertaken in partnership with others in order to achieve the best outcomes for Dartmoor National Park, the people who live and work here and those who visit this special place.

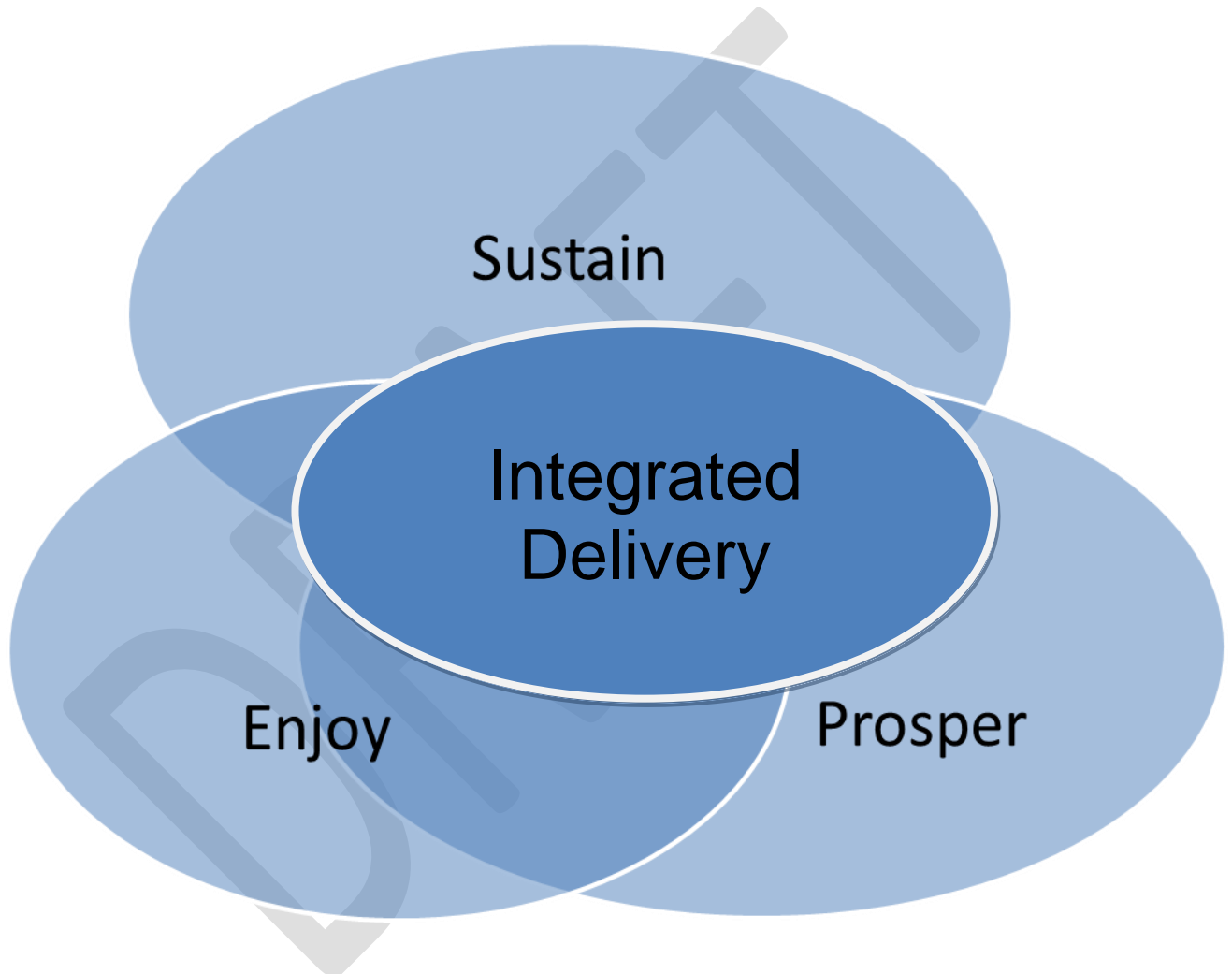
The Business Plan includes actions that are co-funded through the Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership scheme – Moor than meets the eye. These actions are annotated with a ❖.

The priorities in the Business Plan are led by our requirements to meet outcome targets in Your Dartmoor – the National Park Management Plan, but are also informed by Government; the views of Members and staff; and the residents of Dartmoor National Park.

Due to the strong link to the National Park Management Plan, this Business Plan carries the same headline themes of *Sustain, Enjoy and Prosper*.

The Way we Work

Whilst our work is presented under three themes: *Sustain*, *Enjoy* and *Prosper* our overall goal is to work in an integrated way (often with partners) to ensure that each work area or priority action considers and delivers across all three themes. A project might be focused on sustaining the natural environment but we will always look to ensure we consider and deliver links with the prosperity and enjoyment themes; and vice versa.



Measuring progress

At the end of each financial year the Authority completes an annual performance review which contains information about the progress made in delivering the actions in the Business Plan together with achievement against a comprehensive set of performance indicators. A sample of the indicators is given in each of the Business Plan sections. The review will be presented to the Audit & Governance Committee of the Authority and will be supported by the publication of an Annual Review in June highlighting the key achievements and challenges encountered during the year.

SUSTAIN

Priority: Conservation of the natural and historic environment

Outcomes we seek:

- Improve the condition of key wildlife areas and species at a landscape scale
- The planning process and development enhance (where possible) and do not harm the special qualities of the national park
- Improve community engagement in conservation and heritage projects
- Recognise, protect and conserve Dartmoor's significant heritage assets

Key actions:

- Assess the impact of blanket bog restoration undertaken as part of the Dartmoor Mires Project 2010 – 2015 and consider the priorities and potential funding for any further restoration work.
- Organise a Living Dartmoor day to share the priorities contained within the Living Dartmoor Plan and consider how we can work with local people to share information and develop and support community-based action.
- ❖ Implement the Natural Connections and Haymeadows Projects as a landscape scale initiative to improve the quality of these environmental assets.
- Secure funding for a project, working with partners and volunteers, to record and survey all the historic weirs on Dartmoor.
- ❖ Make improvements to the fabric and public access to Higher Uppacott in line with proposals approved through the MTMTE scheme
- ❖ With funding from the MTMTE scheme improve management and understanding of Bronze Age landscape on Dartmoor through a programme of survey, research, excavation, interpretation and conservation management works focused on Whitehorse Hill, Sittaford Stone Circle and the high moorland forests.
- ❖ Carry out archaeological baseline survey of the Ripon Tor area (one of Dartmoor's Premier Archaeological Landscapes which contains 130ha of Scheduled Ancient Monuments)
- ❖ Target management of six scheduled monuments to remove them from the Heritage at Risk register.
- ❖ Organise a Community dig at North Hall Manor, Widecombe and continue to work with local communities to explore their Medieval landscape and organise a community workshop to share knowledge.
- Target outreach activity to improve understanding of the importance of the blanket bogs on Dartmoor and the archaeological findings at Whitehorse Hill.

Examples of how we will assess progress:

- Number of scheduled monuments at high or medium risk' conserved through the year
- Number of people attending outreach events and feedback from those events
- Percentage of County Wildlife Sites in (i) favourable or (ii) favourable/recovering

- Percentage of SSSI land in (i) favourable (ii) unfavourable recovering (iii) unfavourable declining condition
- Number of listed buildings at risk conserved during the year

Priority: work to support a sustainable farming economy

Outcomes

- A vibrant farming community actively engaged in managing and enhancing the special qualities of the National Park
- The importance of ponies for conservation grazing is recognised in future management and funding
- Deliver the Moorland vision

Key actions:

- Continue to support and evaluate Dartmoor Farming Futures as a new approach to agri-environment focused on empowering the farming community
- Engage with and support the farming community through: the Moorland Management Forum, Dartmoor Farmers' Forum and 'drop-in days' offering appointments for free advice on planning issues.
- Implement a grant scheme to help integrate heritage features with the needs of modern hill farming by adapting and restoring stone walls
- Implement repairs to three pounds/driftways to ensure their conservation and continued use for the farming community
- Explore opportunities for a Dartmoor specific farming survey and benchmarking club to inform farm business improvements and provide evidence on farming trends
- Run a free planning advice day for farm businesses in the National Park

Examples of how we will assess progress:

- Number of farmers involved in events organised by the Authority and Dartmoor Hill Farm Project
- Take up of the heritage features grant scheme
- Number of pounds or driftways improved
- Percentage of utilisable agricultural land in the National Park under agri-environment schemes

Priority: Be an excellent organisation

Outcomes we seek:

- A skilled and motivated workforce
- An efficient and effective organisation which is financially robust
- High customer satisfaction
- Good management of DNPA land and premises

- A commercial awareness and increased income
- Reduction in carbon emissions
- A greater understanding of what we do in relation to Dartmoor the place

Key actions:

- Act as the lead partner for the *Moor than meets the eye* Heritage Lottery Funded Landscape Partnership Scheme
- Develop the Dartmoor National Park website as a two-way tool for communication, focused on user needs
- Continue to work at a national and local level to develop fundraising and new income sources
- Prepare an organisational development strategy to support staff, volunteers and members, improve processes and sustain high performance
- Develop a revised website for the Authority
- Input, through National Parks England, to the forthcoming Spending Review and respond to future funding settlement

Examples of how we will assess progress:

- Percentage of income derived from sources other than National Park Grant
- Percentage reduction in carbon emissions
- Number of working days lost to sickness absence per full time equivalent (FTE)
- Customer satisfaction from survey results, complaints and compliments
- Independent Audit reports
- Analysis of web statistics and social media data

ENJOY

Priority: Promote a positive experience of Dartmoor National Park for residents and visitors

Outcomes we seek:

- People who visit and live in the National Park enjoy, appreciate and understand its special qualities.
- Recreation contributes to the conservation and economy of the National Park
- Well maintained visitor infrastructure which promotes access for all sectors of society
- National Park Visitor Centres are recognised destinations providing high quality information on the National Park and an enjoyable experience.
- Increased footfall and spend per visitor at all National Park Visitor Centres
- Decrease in anti-social behaviour at heavily used sites
- More younger people and families enjoying and engaging with the National Park
- A more detailed understanding of the National Park visitor profile

Key Actions:

- Work with local communities and volunteers to implement new ways of maintaining and improving public rights of way within the National Park
- Deliver and evaluate a pilot Junior Ranger scheme for children aged 12-16 and continue to deliver the John Muir Award for Ranger Ralph Club members and local schools
- Review, and where appropriate, renew a number of expiring Access Agreements
- Work in partnership to develop site specific and targeted information for visitors in response to problems caused by dogs and litter.
- Positively engage with cyclists and other interest groups to review the Authority's policy on recreation events, with particular reference to cycling
- Ensure that recreation infrastructure owned and/or leased by the Authority is maintained to a high standard to reflect its importance to the visitor experience and the local economy.
- ❖ Work with the local community, the Forestry Commission and other partners to develop and deliver recreational trails, interpretative media and visitor management for the Postbridge and Bellever area.
- Develop a loan box scheme for handling archaeological collections available to local schools to fit with the National Curriculum Stage 2
- Complete an interactive heritage expedition map to help people understand and plan interesting walks based upon the landscape, ecology and archaeology of Dartmoor.
- Continue to develop the National Park Visitor Centres as themed destinations with targeted investments (subject to funding) at Princetown and Postbridge
- Develop online 'virtual' visitor centre as part of the web-site re-development
- Develop and implement with the National Trust (and other partners) a visitor survey to understand better the National Park 'customer profile'.

Examples of how we will assess progress:

- Visitor numbers, satisfaction and spend per visitor for each National Park Visitor Centre
- Numbers, satisfaction and increased understanding from people attending events, talks and other outreach activity
- Percentage of total length of footpaths and other rights of way that are easy to use by members of the public
- Number of litter bags collected by staff and volunteers and cost of disposal
- Number of compliments and complaints about National Park Authority managed infrastructure (toilets, car parks etc.)

PROSPER

Priority: Work towards ensuring Dartmoor has a thriving local economy

Outcomes we seek:

- A diverse economy where traditional industries are maintained and entrepreneurial spirit is nurtured. Businesses will locate in the National Park because they value the quality of the environment and lifestyle it offers – many will seek to contribute to the continued management of the National Park.
- Improved infrastructure across Dartmoor to support businesses, with a particular focus on superfast broadband and mobile
- Opportunities are created for employment and training which support National Park purposes
- Increased contribution to the local economy from visitors to the National Park

Key actions:

- Provide a proactive, Development Management service focused on saying yes to development that is good for Dartmoor and providing high levels of customer satisfaction
- Introduce a new system of pre-planning application advice including charges for certain types of applications.
- Implement the Vanguard pilot for those wanting to build their own homes
- Ensure that our planning policy framework is up to date and fit for purpose including new policy advice on affordable housing and work on a new Local Plan for Dartmoor.
- Manage and develop the Hill Farm Project to support the farming community to innovate, collaborate and add value to their businesses in an environmentally sustainable manner.
- Develop opportunities for apprenticeships that help support National Park purposes
- Support the Greater Dartmoor Local Enterprise Action Fund as a source of funding for local entrepreneurs and businesses
- Work with Connecting Devon and Somerset and other partners to secure improved broadband and mobile coverage for communities in the National Park
- Develop and enhance the Dartmoor Range in our Visitor Centres to support local producers
- Deliver the UK National Parks conference showcasing Dartmoor to delegates and maximising the local economic benefits.
- Support development of key sites through proactive Masterplans and/or development briefs and provision of professional advice
- Pilot drop-in sessions for local businesses to provide free advice on planning issues
- Work with partners to ensure a co-ordinated and sustainable approach to the marketing of Dartmoor as a visitor destination

Examples of how we will assess progress:

- Planning statistics – speed of delivery, percentage of appeals upheld, number of pre-application enquiries dealt with, percentage of applications approved. Monitor take-up of drop-in sessions for local businesses (including farmers)
- Percentage of households that can access superfast broadband
- Net additional employment floor space approved
- Progress with developing and implementing masterplans and development briefs
- STEAM data on visitor numbers to the National Park and their contribution to the local economy

Priority: improve support to and engagement with local communities**Outcomes we seek:**

- Excellent relationships with our communities and stakeholders
- A good reputation as an organisation that listens, understands and acts
- A sustainable network of volunteers helping to manage the National Park
- Support for local communities to maintain and celebrate local character
- Provision of affordable housing to meet local needs

Key actions:

- Continue our support for local volunteer groups
- Ensure we have a comprehensive programme to attract and support people who are interested in volunteering for the National Park.
- Support the delivery of affordable housing for local needs
- Deliver, monitor and evaluate the Dartmoor Naturally Healthy project to assess the concept of green prescriptions on people's health and well-being in the Buckfastleigh area
- Increase the number of Voluntary Wardens, providing support and training so they work even more closely in support of the Dartmoor Rangers.
- ❖ Develop the Dartmoor Diploma – a programme of training to support key skills needed to manage the landscape and heritage of Dartmoor.
- ❖ Roll out the Parishscapes project in the *Moor than meets the eye* area to support local communities to record, share and conserve sites of local interest
- Strengthen community engagement with the heritage of Dartmoor through, for example, a programme of targeted outreach activity and themed workshops for local communities (a Local History Day and a Living Dartmoor Day focusing on ecology and wildlife)
- Develop virtual online community as part of the website re-development enabling two-way conversations with our communities

Examples of how we will assess progress:

- Number of affordable housing units approved

- Number and value of volunteers (including number of Voluntary Wardens)
- Number of Parishscapes schemes, heritage sites improved and/or better interpreted
- Number of courses delivered through the Dartmoor diploma and number of participants
- Bi-annual Community Survey
- Increased engagement with the Authority through our website and social media presence

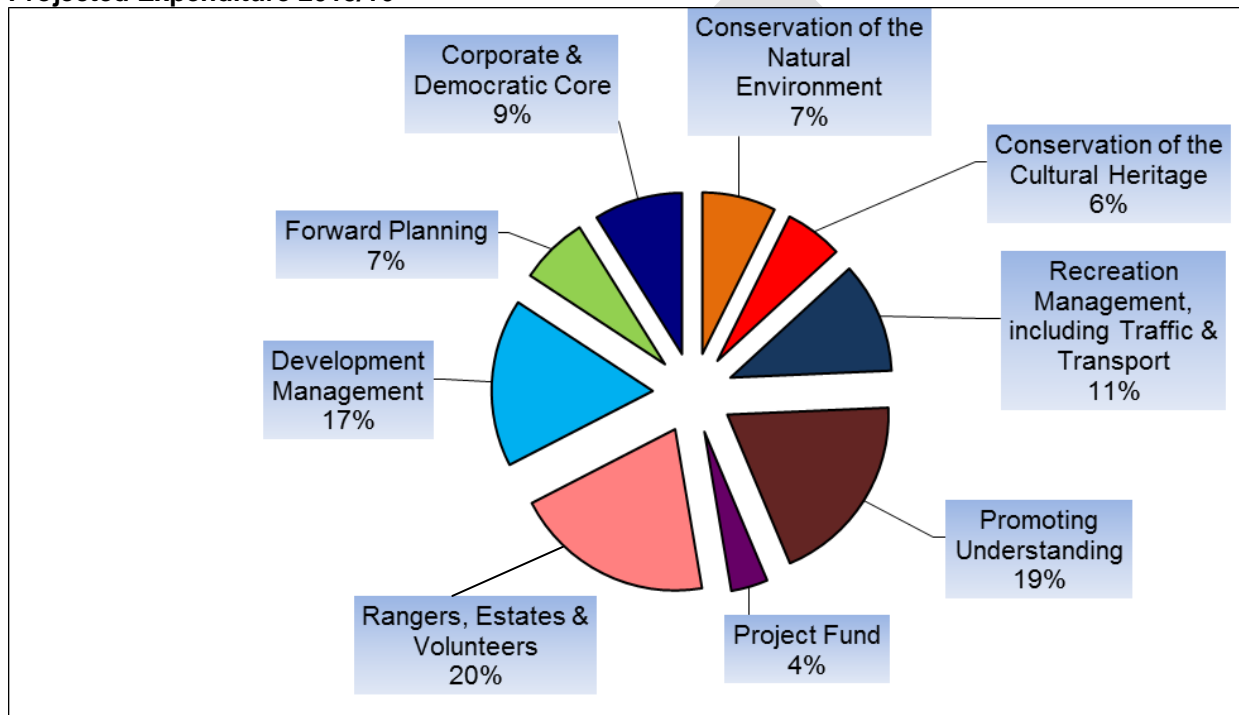
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Funding and expenditure

SOURCES OF FUNDING

	£
National Park Grant (NPG) direct from Defra	£3,573,586
From Reserves	£15,000
Income through sales, fees, charges & treasury management	£516,225
Other Grants	£169,250
Total Funds Available	£4,274,061

Projected Expenditure 2015/16



DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

6 March 2015

STAFFING & STRUCTURE REVIEWReport of the Chief Executive (National Park Officer) and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

- Recommendation: **That Members**
- (i) **agree the deletion of the posts of Director of Communications and Business Support and Director of Planning from the establishment, with effect from 1 April 2015**
 - (ii) **agree the consequential changes to Standing Orders and the Scheme of Delegation as detailed in Appendix 1, with effect from 1 April 2015**

1 Director Posts

- 1.1 Under the current Scheme of Delegation (as amended 6 June 2014) the Chief Executive (National Park Officer) has delegation to act in relation to the appointment, dismissal, discipline and determination of all matters relating to the employment of officers and staff of the Authority. However, this general delegation does not apply to any Director, the Monitoring Officer or the Section 151 Officer – these are matters reserved to the Authority.
- 1.2 Due to the ongoing need to save money the Authority noted the need for a staffing and structure review (NPA/14/008) when it agreed the revenue budget for 2014/15.
- 1.3 This review has been completed and was focused on the future shape and structure of the Leadership Team. Members were sent a copy of the consultation paper and briefed on its contents. Members were also sent a copy of the analysis of the responses received and briefed on the proposed final structure. As a result of these changes it is proposed to delete the following posts from the establishment with effect from 1 April 2015:
 - Director of Communications and Business Support
 - Director of Planning
- 1.4 Members are asked to agree the deletion of these Director posts from the establishment.

2 Consequential Changes

- 2.1 The Authority's core governance documents - Standing Orders, the Scheme of Delegation, Financial Regulations and Instructions relating to Procurement – were all written at a time that three Directors were in post. The reduction in the number of Directors makes it essential to revise some provisions to ensure resilience and cover at all times.

- 2.2 Given the new broader structure of Leadership Team, it is recommended to move to a different model of delegation in which all powers and duties are delegated to the Chief Executive (National Park Officer) with discretion for him to further delegate responsibilities in writing to authorised officers as appropriate.
- 2.3 Appendix 1 sets out the changes believed appropriate to keep Standing Orders and the Scheme of Delegation in line with the new staffing structure. These changes are intended to provide assurance of resilience and business continuity (particularly in the case of unplanned absence of senior officers) while retaining a high level of control to avoid an unjustified spread of delegated decision-making.
- 2.4 An appraisal of the Authority's adopted Financial Regulations and Instructions on Contracts & Procurement in the light of the proposed staffing structure changes has revealed that fairly extensive work will be necessary to modify the current model of control – which relies heavily on Directors to be accountable for compliance within their Directorates - to fit the new staffing structure without removing any of the current safeguards and balances.
- 2.5 It is therefore proposed that the Head of Legal & Democratic Services should work with the Head of Resources, in consultation with the s.151 Officer, to redraft these documents and present recommended revisions to the April meeting of the Authority.

3. Equality and Impact Assessment

- 3.1 The staffing structure review has been carried out with careful regard to the duties and responsibilities of an employer under equality legislation. It is recognised that it is particularly important to act fairly and reasonably in implementing redundancy procedures and holding appointment processes. Independent HR advice has been obtained and each stage of the staffing structure review process is believed to conform to recognised good practice.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The new staffing structure for Leadership Team will deliver a revenue budget saving to the Authority, principally through the deletion of the posts of Director of Communications and Business Support and Director of Planning.
- 4.2 It is not anticipated that there is likely to be any redundancy compensation payable in respect of the proposed changes, as staff affected by the changes have been invited to apply for ring-fenced posts in the new staffing structure. Salary protection will be payable for two years to one individual who will be moving to a lower graded post.
- 4.3 The work on redrafting the Authority's governance documents to reflect the changes implemented in the staffing structure review will not have any financial implications.

**KEVIN BISHOP &
CHRISTOPHER WALLEGE**

Standing Orders

(Adopted 4 May 2007; last revised 6 June 2014)

The following changes are proposed:

SO25 Authentication of Documents - for “*Director*” read “*Authorised Officer*”

SO26.3 Attestation of Sealing - for “*Director*” read “*Authorised Officer*”

Scheme of Delegation

(Adopted 6 July 2012; last revised 6 June 2014)

The following changes are proposed:

Clause 1 General Conditions of Delegation

Delete all references to “*Director*” or “*Directors*” so that all delegations are through C/Ex (NPO)

Clause 2 General Delegation to Chief Executive (NPO)

Delete all references to “*Director*” or “*Directors*” so that all delegations are through C/Ex (NPO)

Clause 3 Delegation to Directors

Delete without replacement – all delegations to be through C/Ex (NPO)

Clause 4. Delegation of Matters relating to Development Management

No change in clause 4.1 – 4.3 delegation from Authority to Development Management Committee.

Delete reference to “*Director of Planning*” in clause 4.4 & 4.5 and substitute “*Chief Executive (National Park Officer)*”

Clause 5 Delegation to Audit & Governance Committee

No change

Clause 6 Public Rights of Way & Access

Delete reference to “*Director of Conservation & Communities*” so that all delegations are through C/Ex (NPO)

Clause 7 Land and Property

Delete reference to “*Director of Conservation & Communities*” so that all delegations are through C/Ex (NPO)

Clause 8. Sustainable Development Fund

Delete without replacement – fund closed

Clause 8A. Dartmoor Communities Fund

Delete without replacement – fund closed

Clause 9. Grants & Loans

No change

Clause 10. Legal Action

No change

Clause 11. Standards

No change

Clause 12. Miscellaneous

Delete “*Director*” (12.1) and “*after consultation with the Head of Resources*” and “*Head of Human Resources*” (12.5)

DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK PLANNING AUTHORITY

6 March 2015

**TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS AND SECTION 211 NOTIFICATIONS
(WORKS TO TREES IN CONSERVATION AREAS)
DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**Report of the Trees and Landscape OfficerRecommendation : **That the decisions be noted.****TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS****South Hams District Council****Ref: 14/0048****Holne Park Farm, Holne****SX 7312 6980**

Application to fell 23 trees growing along the route of a new access track. Prior notification has been granted for the track. Permission was granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Five working days' notice to be given to the Authority prior to the commencement of approved works.
2. All works to be carried out in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations.

Teignbridge**Ref: 14/0098****Land adjacent to the River Dart****SX 7312 6980**

Application to fell two beech trees and three sycamore trees growing in a small woodland. The trees are suppressed and in very poor condition. Permission was granted subject to the following condition:

1. Five working days' notice to be given to the Authority prior to the commencement of approved works.

Ref: 14/0062**85 Beverly Gardens, Ashburton****SX 7608 7058**

Application to coppice three sycamore trees. The trees are suppressed, have poor form and shade the adjacent dwelling. Consent was granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Five working days, notice to be given to the Authority prior to the commencement of approved works.
2. All works to be carried out in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations.

SECTION 211 NOTICES

Teignbridge

Ref: 14/0050

Southpark, Ilsington

SX 7865 7612

Notification to fell six cypress trees and crown lift 13 cypress trees. The trees have not been managed for many years and are in poor condition.

A Tree Preservation Order has not been made.

BRIAN BEASLEY