

DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday 28 May 2021

- Present:** Mr Cooper, Mrs Hill, Mrs Pannell, Mr Sanders, Mr Vogel, Mr Harper and Mrs Woods
- Officers:** Dr K Bishop, Chief Executive (National Park Officer)
Mr N White, Head of Organisational Development & Monitoring Officer
- Apologies:** Mr Nutley, Mr McInnes
- Leave of Absence:** Mr Webber
- In attendance:** Ms C Shewan (Independent Person)
Mr N Tigwell (Independent Person)

225 Welcome

226 Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 November 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 1 November 2019 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

227 Declarations of Interest

None.

228 Public Participation

None.

229 Monitoring Officer's Update

The Monitoring Officer informed Members that no formal complaints had been received and there have been no conduct issues since the last meeting of this Committee. Members adapted well to remote meetings - training was provided and a Formal Meeting Protocol was developed and put into place. There were no significant issues arising from the remote meetings.

Following the recent local elections new Members will be welcomed to the Authority and an induction day is planned for Tuesday 8 June. This is opened

up to all Members to attend (subject to Covid limits) as a refresher training opportunity.

230 Annual Report

The Chairman advised Members to note the revised period of the report due to C-19. The current membership of this Sub-Committee was extended due to the postponement of 2020 Annual Meeting. The next Annual Meeting will take place on Friday 9 July 2021.

In terms of the Authority's Independent Persons – Ms Shewan and Mr Tigwell have continued in their positions and observed all remote meetings effectively and submitted observation reports following each meeting.

231 Observation Reports

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that he receives the observation report 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. These have primarily related to the remote meetings and the protocol, for example the naming convention, but no significant concerns identified.

The Monitoring Officer thanked both Independent Persons for their support and valued feedback to the Authority

Mr Tigwell stated that he was impressed with the conduct of Members during the virtual meetings and the high standard of debate. The courtesy and politeness of Members was exemplary and diverse opinions were dealt with in a courteous manner.

232 Next Meeting

Friday 5 November 2021