

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PARK DIRECTION

SUBJECT: WORKING WITH NATURAL RESOURCES WALES

Purpose of this report

1. The appendix to this report sets out the many areas of work where the Authority liaises with Natural Resources Wales. It provides a context for Natural Resources Wales' attendance at the meeting today.
2. Natural Resources Wales makes significant contributions towards Authority work; for example towards management and maintenance of the National Trail, to various woodland schemes, to the Castlemartin Ranger post and towards repair of storm damage. In 2014/15, NRW's contributions totalled approximately £317,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Members are requested to note the Report.

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Summary of current partnership work with NRW

Area of work	Detail	Duration	NPA contact
Local Service Board/Public Service Board	CEO attends meetings alongside NRW. PCNPA on Public Service Board data group.	2015 onwards	Chief Executive
Park purposes	PCNPA providing local evidence for Area Statements and State of Natural Resources reporting	2015-	Park Direction
Nature conservation	Funding partners on 3 European Marine Sites relevant authority groups and Milford Haven Waterway Environmental Surveillance Group	Ongoing	Head of Park Direction
Nature conservation	Funding partners on Milford Haven Waterway Environmental Surveillance Group	Ongoing	Biodiversity Officer
Nature conservation	Partners on Pembrokeshire Biodiversity Partnership	Ongoing	Biodiversity Officer
Nature conservation	PCNPA is recipient of NRW contribution for management of invasive species (Gwaun and Nevern)	2014/15	Conservation Policy Officer
Nature conservation	NRW provides nature conservation evidence on designated sites, trends etc	Ongoing	Biodiversity Officer, Research and Sustainability Appraisal Officer and Conservation Policy Officer
Nature conservation	Work with NRW on intertidal species collection practice and local restrictions at Dale.	2014-	Ranger Service Manager
Nature Conservation	Conserving the Park Scheme. Designated site management, gap filling such as grazing management, practical management assistance where Section 15 is unable to assist. Securing management of non-designated land for 'buffering' and connectivity of designated sites and species.	On-going	Biodiversity Officer
Nature Conservation	Pembrokeshire Grazing Animals Network.	On-going	Farm Conservation Officer
Nature Conservation	Southern Damselfly Project	On-going	Farm Conservation Officer
Nature Conservation	Monitoring, including Chough monitoring for Special Protection Area assessment. Carew Castle Bat Monitoring for Special Area of Conservation and Site of Special Scientific Interest assessment	On-going	Biodiversity Officer

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Nature conservation	Partners on Pembrokeshire Wildfire Group	2013-	Farm Conservation Officer
Local Development Plan & Sustainability Appraisal etc.	Regular liaison meetings and input from various NRW teams in the preparation, monitoring and review of the Local Development Plan	Ongoing	Head of Park Direction, Biodiversity Officer, Planning Officer (Policy) and Research and Sustainability Appraisal Officer
Development Management	Advice and support for environmental related matters	Ongoing	Development Management
Incident management	Worked with NRW recently to ensure a good solution to the wrecked fishing boat off West Angle – recovered onto the beach & dismantled on car park	2015	
Incident management	Worked with NRW to resolve blue-green algae problems at Freshwater East beach	2011 and 2015	South Warden Manager and Ranger Service Manager
Emergency Planning	Work with NRW on local Resilience Forum and Environment group for Pollution Response	Ongoing	Head of Park Delivery and Biodiversity Officer
Access and Recreation	NRW grant aids the Pembrokeshire Coast Path and funds the National Trail Officer Post. NRW are on the Coast Path Steering Group	Ongoing	Access Manager
Access and Recreation	NRW fund access and recreation projects through Joint Working Partnership grant (three year programme)	Ongoing	Access Manager and Head of Park Delivery
Access and Recreation	NRW attend our annual meeting on the National Park recreation Plan (and part funded it as CCW)	Annually	Head of Park Delivery
Nature Conservation / Access and Recreation	NRW Joint Working partnership funds 25% of the Castlemartin Ranger post with MOD (50%)	Ongoing since 2003	Ranger Service Manager
Access and Recreation	Work with NRW on Milford haven Waterway Steering Group	Ongoing	Ranger Service Manager
Castlemartin	Work with NRW on Castlemartin Range MOD land management groups	Ongoing	Ranger Service Manager and Castlemartin Ranger
Estates	PCNPA owns the National Nature Reserve at Ty Canol and NRW manages it (with some NPA Warden help)	Ongoing	Biodiversity Officer
Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum Community Interest	PCF receives competitive grant from NRW and contribution from PCNPA. Work includes Outdoor	Ongoing	Conservation Policy Officer

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Company (PCF)	Charter and Marine Code.		
Renewable energy	PCNPA sends monthly county-wide data to NRW on wind turbine applications	2012 onwards	Research and Sustainability Appraisal Officer
Policy/Guidance	PCNPA advising NRW on drafting of new Rights of Way Improvement Plan guidance	2015	Access Manager
Access and Recreation	NRW attend our Annual Cliff Climbing Liaison Meeting	ongoing	Ranger Service Manager
Access and Recreation	NRW and PCNPA are partners in Pembrokeshire County Council's Beach Strategy and attend the Beach Liaison Group	ongoing	Ranger Service Manager
National Park purposes	Liaison regarding use of drones	Proposed	Biodiversity Officer