

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER**

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**SUBJECT: CORPORATE EVENTS**

During the course of a year, the National Park Authority is invited to attend various corporate events. Attendance at external events is an important part of Members' duties and, whilst it is acknowledged that other calls are made on their time, it is expected that Members will attend a number of these during their term of office with the Authority.

Set out below are those events to which Members have been invited to date this year:

1. Welsh Local Government Association Annual Conference 2011 to be held at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea on 23<sup>rd</sup> June (*due to the short timescale, two places have been booked, for which there is no charge*);
2. Royal Welsh Show and Pembrokeshire County Show receptions to be held in July and August 2011 respectively;
3. Planning Summer School, Swansea University 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September 'Planning with Communities'. Cost £725 for residential or £225 for a day ticket – the timetable is appended;
4. Members' National Induction Course hosted by the Lake District National Park Authority on the 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011 (*usually new Members*);
5. Welsh Association of National Park Authorities' Annual Members' Seminar which will now take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and will this year be hosted by the Brecon Beacons NPA (*all Members*).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Members determine and authorise the level of representation at the above-mentioned corporate events.**

Background papers:  
Respective fliers for the events concerned

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**ELECTED MEMBERS' SCHOOL 2011 – Swansea**

**3-5 September - Planning with Communities**

SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

- 10.00-11.00     **The Role of Elected Members**  
*Cllr Mike Breakell, West Oxfordshire District Council*  
An experienced Councillor explains the role of the Elected Members with an eye on the impact of the changes proposed in England in the Localism Bill.  
**Or Enforcement**  
*John Bosworth, Ashfords*  
An expert view of the enforcement process and how to use it to support an effective planning system.
- 11.30-12.30     **Opening Address**  
*Senior Spokesperson from the Local Government Association*  
A senior member of the LGA will set the scene for the School under the theme of 'Planning With Communities'
- 12.30-14.00     **Lunch and Networking**  
**Luncheon Discussion:** an informal discussion led by a member of Planning Summer School on a topical subject.
- 14.00-15.30     **Planning Law Update**  
*Russell Harris QC, Landmark Chambers*  
An update on recent changes in planning law including recent case law and trends which are specifically relevant to Elected Members.
- 16.00-17.15     **Choice of Workshops:**
- Probity- Pre Applications Process**  
*Tracey Merrett, Merrett & Co*  
This workshop will help Elected Members to understand their role in the pre-application process and how they can get involved.
- Neighbourhood Plans**  
*Darren Summerfield & Neil Blaney, Teignbridge District Council*  
One of the Neighbourhood Planning 'front runners' shares experience of neighbourhood planning in practice.
- Managing Conflict Through Mediation**  
*Abigaille Bromfield, HCA Atlas*

This workshop will show how mediation can help overcome conflict in a confrontational way and build trust and co-operation within communities.

20.00-  
21.00 Tourism - *Jonathan Jones, Visit Wales*

SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

09.30-12.30 **Housing Needs**  
*Karen Stalbow, Shelter*  
**New Housing/Financial Models**  
*David Lock, David Lock Associates*  
These related papers will look at what we mean by housing need and how it is defined and what new housing and financial models may be needed to meet that need in the future.

**Strategic Infrastructure**

*Sir Brian Briscoe, Chairman, HS2 Ltd*

The Chairman of HS2 will give us his perspective on the challenges of delivering strategic infrastructure.

13.30-18.00 Mobile Workshops  
Quality Places - Swansea SA1 Waterfront  
Partnership Working in Gower AONB  
Regeneration - The Heads of the Valley Experience  
Regeneration for Tourism & Leisure  
**See Study Tour page for more details**

20.00-21.00 **Question Time with Panel of Experts**  
**Jointly with Politicians in Planning Association**  
Andrew Mathieson of PIPA will chair a panel of PSS Members who will answer questions on topical issues of interest to Elected Members.

MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Planning Summit - Joint Day with Planners' School

10.00-11.00 **Planning in Context**  
*Adrian Penfold, British Land and Chair of the Penfold Enquiry*  
What history can tell us about the issues we face today within the planning system and how these might influence us as we look to the future.

13.00-12.45 Choice of Workshops:  
**Community Engagement**

***Jenny Nell, Winchester City Council***

A practical workshop applying techniques used to achieve successful community engagement.

**Energy Efficient Design**

***Kedrick Davies & Philip Costa, CDN Planning***

A practical workshop on making the best use of the site and materials to achieve low carbon development.

**Producing Joint Strategies**

***Nick Bubalo, Sandwell Borough Council***

Lessons learning from delivering the Black Country Joint Core Strategy

**Housing - Establishing the Numbers**

***Matthew Spry, Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners***

Find out to generate the numbers in the absence of Regional Spatial Strategies.

**Economic Development & Regeneration**

***Bruno Moore, Sainsbury***

One of our major retailers will discuss the relationship between economic development and regeneration using practical examples.

14.00-16.00

**The Big Debate -The Meaning of Sustainable Development**

***Discussion, Responses & Vote***

***Angus Mackintosh, King Sturge***

***Liz Peace, British Property Federation***

***Clive Bates, Sustainable Futures Group, Welsh Assembly Government***

The Debate will explore different aspects of sustainable development and invite audience participation in defining what this means.

16.30-17.30

**Working with Communities**

***Jeff Bishop, BDOR and and Tony Burton, Civic Voice***

Two speakers will offer personal experience of working with communities over many years and explore the challenges and opportunities.

Evening

**Pre Dinner Speaker**

***Jane Davidson, Institute for Sustainability at the University of Wales***

Our pre-dinner speaker will offer her perspective on planning and sustainable development.

Gala Dinner