

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

**SUBJECT:
SCRUTINY**

Purpose of Report

To determine a work programme of scrutiny for the Authority.

Introduction/Background

Members resolved at the meeting of the Authority held on the 13th June 2012 to introduce a more formal framework to enable the Authority to better scrutinise aspects of its work and to establish two Scrutiny Committees of nine Members each. It was also resolved that the work programme be considered at the August meeting of the Authority.

Way forward

Officers suggest that the following topics could be considered as potential scrutiny issues although, of course, Members may wish to offer up other topics:

- Affordable housing;
- Management agreements;
- Woodland policy;
- Internal audit topics;
- Volunteers;
- Marine environment;
- Social Inclusion.

Financial considerations

Scrutiny Committees have been included in the Authority's calendar of meetings for 2012/13 and this was adopted at the meeting of the National Park Authority held on the 28th March 2012. Travelling expenses would be payable to Members for attending at the HMRC rate.

Risk considerations

The Authority will be able to demonstrate that it works to a high standard of governance and that it is efficient, effective and transparent in its business.

Compliance

The proposal complies with Outcome 8 of the Corporate Strategy: The Authority is recognised as meeting good practice standards in terms of governance, providing value for money and listening to the views of residents, visitors and partners.

Human Rights/Equalities issues

A scrutiny framework will provide members of the public with an additional vehicle for raising issues about the work of the Authority.

Biodiversity implications/Sustainability appraisal

No impact.

Welsh Language statement

No impact.

RECOMMENDATION: Members are requested to determine a topic for its first scrutiny project and to determine a work programme for the future.

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Background Documents

Scrutiny report: NPA 13th June 2012

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