

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: JOINT SCRUTINY PROJECT WITH SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Purpose of the report

To nominate five Members to work with Snowdonia National Park Authority on a joint scrutiny project.

Background

At the Authority's meeting held on the 24th April 2013, Members resolved to undertake a joint scrutiny project with the other two Welsh National Park Authorities (NPA) in connection with the socio-economic duty of NPAs. The exact remit of the project will be determined at the inaugural meeting of the joint scrutiny committee.

Snowdonia have since agreed to the proposal, while Brecon have decided to take a 'watching brief' as they are currently undergoing a scrutiny project of their own.

Initial discussions at officer level have formulated the following draft programme:

Action	Venue	Timeline
PNCPA Officers (and Members?) to meet with SNPA Members and Officers to brief them on Scrutiny process, toolkit, etc	Snowdonia offices	September 2013
Inaugural Committee meeting to determine brief	Aberystwyth	October 2013
Evidence gathering: Documentation Questionnaire(s) Expert witness presentations Site visits	Pembrokeshire and Snowdonia; video conferencing if possible	November 2013 to March 2014
Presentation of findings	Venue to be confirmed	April/May 2014

It is suggested that the Committee comprise the following Membership:

5 Members from Pembrokeshire Coast NPA

5 Members from Snowdonia NPA

(2 Members from Brecon Beacons NPA in observer capacity)

Financial considerations

Travelling costs would be incurred, although it is recommended that all concerned travel together whenever possible to keep costs to a minimum. There may also be a need to hire a venue midway between both Parks on occasion.

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 Corporate Objective 4: The National Park 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/Equality issues

The report has no Human Rights/Equality implications.

Biodiversity implications/Sustainability appraisal

The report has no Biodiversity/sustainability implications.

Welsh Language statement

The report has no implications for the Authority's Welsh Language Scheme.

RECOMMENDATION

That five Members be authorised to take part in the joint scrutiny project with Snowdonia National Park Authority.

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