

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: PRIORITIES FOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITIES 2017-18

Purpose of Report

To inform Members of the priorities for the Authority identified by the Welsh Government.

Introduction

On 6th June 2017 the Chairman of the Authority received a letter from the Minister for Environment and Rural Affairs outlining the priorities for National Park Authorities for 2016-2017 as identified by the Welsh Government. A copy of the letter is included as Annex A.

Financial

No financial information is provided. The Authority is waiting for final confirmation of its budget for 2017-2018.

Risk & Compliance Considerations

With the Authority receiving the majority of its funding from the Welsh Government, the need to ensure that its work programme reflects these priorities is important.

Human Rights/Equality Issues

No issues

Biodiversity Implications/Sustainability Appraisal

No issues

Welsh Language Statement

No issues

Recommendation

Members are invited to note the report and attached letter.

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Blaenoriaethau ar gyfer Awdurdodau Parciau Cenedlaethol 2017-18

Diben y llythyr hwn yw tynnu sylw at y meysydd blaenoriaeth y byddai Gweinidogion Cymru yn hoffi ichi ganolbwyntio arnynt yn y flwyddyn sydd i ddod.

Rwyf wedi cael y Cynllun Corfforaethol a gyflwynwyd gennych fel rhan o'ch rhaglen o weithgarwch ar gyfer 2017/18. Y grant refeniw gan Weinidogion Cymru i Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Arfordir Penfro ar gyfer y cyfnod hwn yw £2,954,655.

Cyhoeddwyd 'Tirweddau'r Dyfodol: Cyflawni dros Gymru' yn ddiweddar ar ran partneriaeth Tirweddau'r Dyfodol Cymru yr oeddech yn aelod ohoni. Mae'r adroddiad yn dweud mai'r timoedd rheoli ac awdurdodau'r tirweddau dynodedig ddylai arwain ar reoli adnoddau naturiol yn gynaliadwy yn eu hardaloedd, ac mae'n pwysleisio pwysigrwydd cydweithio i gyflawni hyn. Ni ddylai tirweddau dynodedig gael eu gwerthfawrogi am eu harddwch naturiol yn unig, ond hefyd fel lleoedd sydd â thirweddau byw ffyniannus sy'n cynnwys cymunedau bywiog, cryf. Maent yn darparu cyfleoedd ar gyfer twristiaeth, hamddena awyr agored, a chyflogaeth leol. Maent yn sicrhau manteision ar gyfer ein hiechyd ac o ran rheoli ein hecosystemau amrywiol.

Fel Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol, dylech weithredu fel catalydd i wireddu'r uchelgais hwn drwy weithio gyda'ch gilydd mewn modd cydweithredol.

Yn ogystal â chefnogi'r dull hwn, rhaid i'r Awdurdodau Parciau Cenedlaethol ganolbwyntio ar roi blaenoriaethau'r adroddiad ar waith gan gynnwys:

- Rhoi cymorth a chefnogaeth i bartneriaethau eraill ar draws Cymru sy'n rheoli tirweddau er mwyn eu helpu i wireddu potensial eu tirweddau o ran llesiant.
- Mabwysiadu Egwyddorion Cenedlaethol ar gyfer Ymgysylltu â'r Cyhoedd a chydweithio i ddarparu canllawiau ar sut i wella cysylltiadau mewn tirweddau dynodedig.
- Datblygu a mireinio'ch dealltwriaeth o gydnerthedd yr economi leol a chyfleoedd economaidd yn eich ardal.

- Cryfhau cydweithrediad a chymorth rhwng y tirweddau a'r ardaloedd dynodedig a Geoparc Byd-eang UNESCO, Safleoedd Treftadaeth y Byd UNESCO, statws Gwarchodfa Biosffer UNESCO a Gwarchodfeydd Rhyngwladol yr Awyr Dywyll er mwyn sicrhau cynifer o fanteision i'r economi ac i addysg ag y bo modd.
- Nodi dulliau y gall y tirweddau dynodedig eu defnyddio i adeiladu cydnerthedd ecosystem yn seiliedig ar ganlyniadau'r Adroddiad ar Sefyllfa Adnoddau Naturiol a'r blaenoriaethau y byddaf yn eu cyhoeddi ym Mholisi Adnoddau Naturiol.

Yn y flwyddyn sydd i ddod, rhaid ichi osod eich gweithgareddau yng nghyd-destun blaenoriaethau cyffredinol y Llywodraeth hon a nodir yn "Symud Cymru Ymlaen". Rwy'n disgwyl i'ch Awdurdod wella'r cysylltiadau â Croeso Cymru a chefnogi'r ymgyrchoedd blynyddol penodol. Mae delweddau eiconig o dirweddau Parciau Cenedlaethol, ynghyd â'r gweithgareddau hamdden a diwylliannol a ddarperir ganddynt, eisoes wedi cyfrannu'n sylweddol at lwyddiant rhyngwladol yr ymgyrchoedd hyn hyd yma. Mae gan yr Awdurdodau Parciau Cenedlaethol rôl hanfodol i'w chwarae i hyrwyddo iechyd meddwl a chorff a llesiant pobl Cymru, a dylent gynnig rhaglenni a gweithgareddau penodol ar gyfer atal neu wella salwch. Yn ogystal, dylech fynd ati i fanteisio ar gyfleoedd i lywio a chefnogi gwaith y Byrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus ynghylch datblygu eu cynlluniau llesiant a'u rhoi ar waith.

Dylai'r Awdurdodau Parc ehangu eu darpariaeth i gynnig gweithgareddau, prentisiaethau a rhaglenni i wirfoddolwyr sy'n helpu i ddatblygu'r sgiliau, yr wybodaeth a'r profiadau sydd eu hangen ar bobl ifanc er mwyn iddynt ddod yn unigolion amryddawn a hyderus.

Rwy'n disgwyl ichi adrodd ar y cynnydd a wnaed mewn perthynas â'ch Cynlluniau Corfforaethol â'r blaenoriaethau a nodir uchod. Cytunir ar fformat ac amserlen yr adroddiad gyda'm swyddogion.

Hoffwn achub ar y cyfle hwn i ddiolch ichi am y gwaith rydych yn ei wneud i wella bywydau pobl Cymru. Edrychaf ymlaen at gael diweddariadau rheolaidd sy'n nodi'ch cynnydd wrth gyflawni.

Yn gywir



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Dear Michael

Priorities for National Park Authorities 2017-18

The purpose of this letter is to highlight the priority areas on which Welsh Ministers would like you to focus your effort in the year ahead.

I note the Corporate Plan you have submitted as your programme of activity for 2017/18. The revenue grant from Welsh Ministers to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority for this period is £2,954,655.

I have recently published 'Future Landscapes: Delivering for Wales' on behalf of the Future Landscapes Wales Partnership in which you participated. The report identifies that the management teams and authorities of designated landscapes should be the leaders of the sustainable management of natural resources in their areas and emphasises the importance of joint-working to achieve this. Designated landscapes should not only be valued for their natural beauty, but as places with thriving living landscapes containing vibrant, resilient communities. They provide opportunities for tourism, outdoor recreation and local employment. They deliver benefits for our health and in the management of our diverse ecosystems.

As a National Park Authority you should act as a catalyst in achieving this ambition, not in isolation, but working together as part of a collaborative approach.

In addition to supporting this approach a key focus for the National Park Authorities will be delivering against the report's implementation priorities including:

- Provide assistance and support to other landscape management partnerships across Wales to unlock the full well-being potential of their landscapes.
- Adopt the National Principles for Public Engagement and work together to provide guidance on how to improve engagement in designated landscapes.
- Develop and refine your understanding of local economic resilience and economic opportunities in your area.
- Strengthen collaboration and support between the designated landscapes and areas with UNESCO Global Geopark, UNESCO World Heritage Site, UNESCO Biosphere

Reserve status and International Dark Sky Reserves to maximise economic and education benefits.

- Identify mechanisms by which the designated landscapes can build ecosystem resilience based on the results of the State of Natural Resource Report and the priorities I will publish in the Natural Resources Policy.

Your activities for the coming year must also be set in the context of the overall priorities of this Government as set out in "Taking Wales Forward". I expect your Authority to strengthen collaboration with Visit Wales and to support the annual themed campaigns. The iconic images of National Park landscapes and the recreation and cultural activities they provide have already played an important role in the international success of these campaigns to date. National Park Authorities have the capacity to play a crucial role in the mental and physical health and wellbeing of the people of Wales and should aim to offer programmes and activities geared specifically at preventing, or recovering from, ill-health. In addition, you should actively seek opportunities to inform and support Public Service Boards on the development and implementation of their well-being plans.

The range of work undertaken by Park Authorities should be opened out to offer activities, apprenticeships and volunteer programmes which help develop the skills, knowledge and experience young people need to become well-rounded and confident individuals.

I expect you to report on your progress against your Corporate Plans and the above priority areas in a consistent format and to a schedule to be agreed with my officials.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for the work you do to improve the lives of the people of Wales and I look forward to receiving updates on your progress with delivery.

Yours sincerely



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