

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 16 September 2025 at 10.00 am

13 Outside organisation updates from the Council's appointed representatives

The Council's outside organisations representatives to report on any meetings of the appointed outside organisation in the past few months, whether they attended, a report on the meeting if they did so, the role the outside organisation(s) they represent plays in promoting and aligning with the Council's priorities, policies and strategies, and advising on partnership discussions which are open and in the public domain.

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To consider the update reports from the following as attached:

1. Local Government Association Rural Services Network (Cllr Robert Steemson)
2. Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust (Cllr Nutley)
3. Dartmoor National Park Authority (Cllr Nutley) To follow
4. Exe Estuary Management Partnership (Cllr Nutley) To follow

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Overview and Scrutiny – Outside Organisation Update from the Council’s appointed representatives

Councillor John Nutley

Organisation: Dartmoor National Park Authority

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Purpose of the Organisation:	The purpose of the Dartmoor National Park Authority is to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage of Dartmoor National Park while promoting opportunities for the public to understand and enjoy it. They also have a duty to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the park and serve as its Local Planning Authority, guiding development to protect its special qualities.
Attendance requirements/ meetings attended:	Committees I am on and have attended. 4th of April – Development Management & Authority 11th of April – Park Management Working Panel 9th of May – Development Management & Authority 30th off May – Audit & Governance & Standard Sub Committee 20th of June – Planning & Sustainable Development Working Panel 27th of June – Development Management & Authority 25th of July – Development Management & Authority 5th of September – Development Management & Authority And I will be attending the Annual Member Workshop on the 12th of September
Feedback:	The Dartmoor National Park Authority Business Plan going forward for 2025-26 Introduction This Business Plan sets out an ambitious programme of key actions which will help deliver National Park purposes and the vision in the Dartmoor Partnership Plan and do so in a way which supports our local communities. The Business Plan is structured around six priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better for Nature

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better for Cultural Heritage • Better for Farming and Forestry • Better for People • Better for Communities and Business • Be an Excellent Organisation <p>The first five priorities relate to the priority themes in the Dartmoor Partnership Plan and represent a 'golden thread' between the Dartmoor Partnership Plan (a plan for the National Park as a place) and the work of the Authority. There is also a clear link between the work of the Authority and the Government's priorities such as: nature recovery, the 30 x 30 target, climate action, improved access, and engagement with the environment; and the Government's Outcomes and Targets Framework for Protected Landscapes.</p> <p>We share the Government's vision for protected landscapes – to make them greener, wilder, and more accessible. This vision needs to be matched with resources. Our revenue budget is being cut, in real terms, by more than 10% in 2025/26. This comes on top of 40% real terms cut since 2010/11. If we want nature-rich National Parks that are living, working landscapes that bring enjoyment, wellbeing, and inspiration to millions of people each year then we need a national debate about how we fund them.</p> <p>National Park Grant for 2025/26 includes a significant capital element that has to be spent within the financial year. This provides us with an opportunity and an additional work area.</p> <p>Our Business Plan relies more on the soft 'power' of convening and partnership working than our few statutory powers.</p> <p>We look forward to another year of working with our partners to achieve our priorities and, in doing so, to deliver a National Park that is better for nature and better for people.</p>
Examples of where the brief above has been followed:	<p>The National Park Authority's main job is to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage of the park, while also promoting opportunities for public enjoyment and fostering the economic and social well-being of local communities. They also serve as the sole local planning authority for the area, preparing management plans to guide the Park's future and balancing the diverse needs of the landscape, wildlife, and people.</p>
Additional information relevant to Overview & Scrutiny including the value that TDC brings to this organisation and/or	<p>Links to full report DNPA_business-plan-2025-06.pdf DNPA-Annual-Review-2024-25.pdf</p> <p>The DNPA and TDC work together with meetings between the Chief Executive of DNPA and the Managing Director of TDC with anything that effects the two</p>

why this organisation needs TDC:	authorities, including some elements when it comes to some planning matters. At the moment there is an issue in Ashburton and the DNPA planning and TDC Environmental are working together in trying to resolve the matter.
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Councillor John Nutley

Organisation: Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP)

The Council’s representatives are invited to report on any meetings of the appointed outside organisation, the role the organisation(s) they represent plays in promoting and aligning with the Council's priorities, policies and strategies, their impact and results, and advising on partnership discussions which are open and in the public domain. Feedback is scheduled across a full year cycle once per annum for most organisations and twice where meetings are more frequent (greater than 5).

Purpose of the Organisation:	The primary purpose of the Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP) is to co-ordinate and manage the Exe Estuary, balancing its protected nature with human use by harmonizing the interests of local authorities, government agencies, and conservation, commercial, and recreational groups. It aims to conserve the estuary's special environment, promote sustainable economic and social activity, resolve conflicts, and provide a central contact point for local communities.
Attendance requirements/ meetings attended:	Having been in hospital I was unable to attend the meeting on the 11th of March. I will be attending the next meeting on the 24th of September.
Feedback:	<p style="text-align: center;">Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP)</p> <p>1. Meetings and Public Partnership Discussions</p> <p>The EEMP holds biannual Partnership Committee meetings, typically in March and September, with agendas and minutes publicly available. These meetings are open to representatives from local authorities, agencies, and community groups, and provide a platform for discussing estuary management issues, reviewing progress, and planning future actions. The EEMP hold three Executive meetings each year to share updates, review progress, and coordinate action across the estuary. Additionally, the Autumn and Winter Forums are annual public events where local community members elect Forum Chairs and contribute to discussions on estuary management.</p> <p>The Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP) Winter Forum 2025 took place on 4th February 2025 at the Council Chambers, County Hall, Exeter. This public event was free and open to anyone interested in the Exe Estuary, aiming to foster discussion and share updates on key estuary-related issues.</p>

	Please see attached document for full report.
Examples of where the brief above has been followed:	<p>The Partnership seeks to conserve and enhance the estuary's special nature and promote sustainable economic and social activity by supporting collaboration between different interests and helping to address any conflicts as they arise, to ensure that activities are balanced and complementary.</p> <p>The EEMP, which has been in place since 1995, takes an impartial approach, to help ensure that there is a balance between human use and the protected nature of the Exe. The work of the partnership is guided by the Exe Estuary Management Plan. Local communities are engaged through annual public forums.</p>
Additional information relevant to Overview & Scrutiny including the value that TDC brings to this organisation and/or why this organisation needs TDC:	<p>As with some organisation, we need to support the Exe Estuary Management Partnership for the work they do to conserve and enhance the estuary's special nature and promote sustainable economic and social activity and it is with the support that TDC can give that enables them to continue this work. TDC gives them an annual funding of just over £2000.00.</p> <p>Graeme Smith is the supporting officer for TDC</p>