

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

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Organisation: Dartmoor National Park Authority

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 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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