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**Summary:**

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires every local planning authority to produce an Annual Monitoring Report for submission to the Secretary of State by 31 December each year. This report summarises the findings of the Authority's 2007 monitoring report, which contains information on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which existing planning policies are used and effective.

**Recommendations**

- 1. To approve the draft Annual Monitoring Report for submission to the Secretary of State in December 2007.**
- 2. To authorise the Director of Strategy and Planning to insert any outstanding data, when available, and make any necessary minor changes prior to submission to the Secretary of State.**

**Resources and Corporate Plan:**

A4 – Develop spatial planning policies to support the delivery of the National Park's purposes and duties.

Routine resources

**Paper:**

**NFNPA 223/07:** Cover paper  
**NFNPA 223/07:** Annex 1 - Draft Annual Monitoring Report 2007

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**1. Introduction**

1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to submit an Annual Monitoring Report to the Secretary of State by 31 December each year. The report should:

- set out progress on Local Development Document preparation against the timetable outlined in the authority's Local Development Scheme;
- assess the extent to which current planning policies are being implemented;
- identify the significant effects of implementing policies in Local Development Documents and whether they are as intended;
- set out whether policies are to be amended or replaced.

1.2 This Monitoring Report covers the period from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

**2. Monitoring results overview**

**Local Development Scheme**

2.1 The Report highlights that significant progress was made on the National Park Authority's Local Development Framework, although a Local Development Scheme was in place only for a very limited time during the period under review. A number of milestones were successfully reached, including the adoption and publication of the Statement of Community Involvement and the consultation on the (then Joint) Core Strategy Issues and Options document. Between the formal review period and publication of this report significant progress has been made on the Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents.

## **Policy performance**

- 2.2 Analysis of the performance of the current planning policies covering the National Park indicates that they are performing well and the Authority is largely achieving the objectives set out in the constituent local plans.
- 2.3 However, a number of individual issues have been highlighted which particularly relate to the discrepancies between different policies in the constituent local plans covering the National Park, for instance different policies on affordable housing. Particular concerns are the number of planning permissions being allowed on appeal; the loss of traditional dwellings and the size and design of their replacements. Work on the Core Strategy and daughter documents will seek to review and consolidate these policies where necessary.

## **Data collection**

- 2.4 Issues concerning the availability and robustness of some of the data required for this Report have been highlighted at relevant points in the Report. This will be addressed in developing the Authority's monitoring systems.

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