

BUSINESS PLAN 2018-2021

2018-19 Work Programme

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We will foster the National Park's social and economic wellbeing.

Prosper Priority 1: Supporting a distinctive and prosperous local economy where natural capital is an integral component of doing business

- Champion the significance of natural capital to the economic performance of the National Park and the wider area
- Use the strength of National Park designation to increase the viability of products associated with the local area
- Work with partners to develop a sustainable, authentic visitor experience that protects the special qualities of the National Park and respects its communities

¹ The EU protected food name scheme highlights regional and traditional foods whose authenticity and origin can be guaranteed. Under this system, a named food or drink registered at a European level, will be given legal protection against imitation throughout the EU.

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| With partners, develop a set of natural capital accounts for use by the Green Halo Partnership to help inform future investment options by the EM3 LEP and others. (EW3) | Paul Walton | | | |
| Through partnership with Go New Forest and others, encourage at least 100 tourism businesses to improve their overall sustainability, communicate 'caring for' messages to visitors and encourage car-free visits. (EW9, TT8) | Jim Mitchell / Aynsley Clinton | | | |
| Provide advice and support to New Forest Produce Limited, working to increase the Marque membership from the 2017 baseline. Target is for a 10% increase in members by year end. (EW5) | Paul Walton | | | |
| Develop a local Protected Food Name Status scheme for products associated with the New Forest. (EW5) | Paul Walton | | | |
| In partnership with the New Forest Trust increase the number of businesses developing the Love The Forest Visitor Giving Scheme from a 2017 baseline. Actively promote the scheme to businesses through individual visits and targeted information. (EW9) | Andy Brennan | | | |
| Work with New Forest District Council, parish councils and other partner organisations to identify suitable sites for affordable housing and secure consent for at least five new affordable homes designed for local people which are of high quality and sustainability, and are in keeping with the character of the area. (LC5) | Steve Avery | | | |

Prosper Priority 2: Promoting connectivity across the National Park through sustainable transport and information and communication technologies

- Encourage travel to and around the National Park by sustainable forms of transport
- Utilise data and technology to improve sustainability, support economic development, and enhance quality of life for people living in, working in and visiting the National Park

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¹ Adopting the principle of a 'Smart City' which uses different types of electronic data collection sensors to supply information which is used to manage assets and resources efficiently

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| Promote and enable the three New Forest Tour routes, maintaining overall satisfaction ratings of at least 4.5 out of 5, and develop a link during the summer season from the Waterside to Lepe Country Park. (TT8) | Jim Mitchell / Aynsley Clinton | | | |
| Deliver face-to-face information about sustainable travel to 8,000 people through the travel ambassador / concierge service. (SQ1, TT8, TT9) | Jim Mitchell / Aynsley Clinton | | | |
| Through engagement with businesses, and the education and research sectors, examine ways to facilitate and encourage the application of "Smart Park" technologies to address National Park management challenges. Aim to host one creative challenge event to promote the Smart Park concept. | Paul Walton | | | |

Prosper Priority 3: Supporting the social wellbeing and sustainability of New Forest communities

- Promote affordable housing to address local needs and support the management of the National Park landscape
- Supporting the sharing of innovative ideas and good environmental practice through local action groups, businesses and residents
- Continue to support the take up of low carbon / renewable energy technologies in support of the Clean Growth Strategy

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| Promote the Sustainable Communities Fund towards groups and projects that demonstrate good environmental practice and social outcomes, directing conservation related projects to the Love The Forest scheme. (LC10) | Fiona Wynne | | | |
| Engage with businesses to encourage the reduction in the use of plastic. Support two information / awareness raising events for local communities. (LC10) | Andy Brennan | | | |
| Establish and maintain a directory of key parties connected to the woodland management sector within the National Park. Host two workshops aimed at stimulating interest investment in the woodland sector. (LM5) | Paul Walton | | | |
| In support of the 25 Year Environment Plan, prepare a programme of activity for participation in the 2019 year of Green Action campaign | Paul Walton | | | |