

**AM 584-21**

## **NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

### **AUTHORITY MEETING – 25 MARCH 2021**

#### **GENERATION GREEN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Report by:** Nigel Matthews, Head of Recreation Management

#### **Summary:**

As members will recall from the December Authority and February RAPC meetings, our partnership application to the Defra Green Recovery Fund, led by the Youth Hostel Association and South Downs National Park Authority, was approved. For the NPA, this equates to £65,450 of funding for two apprentice rangers and a part-time Wild Spaces Youth Officer for 2021/22.

As this is a partnership project, the Authority and other partners now need to formalise the governance arrangements for the scheme by entering into a memorandum of understanding with South Downs National Park Authority, who will be the lead partner responsible for co-ordinating activity by the National Park Authorities. The draft form of the memorandum of understanding, which has been substantially agreed between the various partners, is attached as **Annex 1** to this report. A few further changes remain to be agreed, and officers are progressing this.

Members are now asked to approve entering into this arrangement, subject to any further amendments to the memorandum of understanding to be agreed.

#### **Recommendation:**

That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to take all action as necessary to agree any minor amendments to the draft 'Generation Green' memorandum of understanding attached as Annex 1 to this report, to enter into it on behalf of the Authority, and to take all such other action as necessary to give effect to the proposed arrangements

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**Papers:** AM 584-21 21 Annex 1: Generation Green MOU