

BUSINESS PLAN 2018-2021 2020-21 Work Programme

Climate and Nature Emergency

As agreed at the January Authority meeting, the climate and nature emergencies have created a renewed sense of urgency to stem the decline in biodiversity and reduce Green House Gas emissions. Our response – Net Zero with Nature – will be informed by government policy towards farming, land use and the environment, especially the Agriculture and Environment Bills, the response to the Landscapes Review and the 25 Year Environment Plan. We will then need to establish how this policy agenda can best meet the needs of the New Forest National Park.

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Nature Recovery – Net Zero with Nature					
<p>A spatial plan for nature recovery for the National Park and immediate surroundings, included in the National Park Partnership Plan</p> <p>The range of public goods provided by the National Park supported by the developing Environmental Land Management (ELM) Scheme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead stakeholders in the development of a spatial plan for nature, based on Lawton principles of bigger, better, more and more joined up habitats. • With partners, develop a portfolio of integrated projects for identified Nature Recovery Areas (beyond the core designated sites) • Coordinate the work of the Forest Farming Group as the transition from Environmental Stewardship to ELM continues • Examine opportunities for the National Park to be a national pilot for ELM in 2021, ensuring commoning will be supported by the new scheme • Support the collaboration between farmers and landowners around farm clusters and delivery of land advice • Develop programme of communication for stakeholders around “net zero with nature” and “public money for public goods” 				
<p>Measures in place to mitigate, and adapt to, the changing climate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map current and potential carbon stores • Investigate if carbon offset schemes could deliver environmental benefits in the New Forest • Re focus the SCF to deliver innovative action on climate change and nature recovery 				

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Green Halo – Beyond our Boundaries					
An active, thriving Green Halo Partnership recognised for its catalytic role in enhancing the environment of the National Park hinterland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the key themes arising from the Green Halo Conference Feb 2020: a National Park City Region / Waterside Vision / Natural Leaders • Coordinate a programme of events (min 4) and a further Conference in early 2021 • With partners, identify key Nature Recovery opportunity areas beyond the National Park boundary 				
Nature Solutions – Delivery and Advice					
NPA resources aligned to respond to opportunities presented by the Agriculture Bill, Environment Bill and Landscapes Review during 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing liaison with Defra through the National Parks Agriculture and Rural Development group • Further develop the 'natural capital' approach to protecting the environment of the National Park • Scope the resource needed to implement the Local Nature Recovery Strategy in response to the Environment Bill • Examine the opportunities for nature recovery presented by the introduction of Conservation Covenants • Post OPOF, identify and plan to secure the resources needed to deliver the nature recovery plan (above) 				

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<p>Data and evidence</p> <p>A suite of data and evidence sources around climate change identified and reporting methods established</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of baseline datasets identified • Initial list of research opportunities proposed to local Universities 				