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NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

RESOURCES, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – 2 NOVEMBER 2020

FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

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Summary:

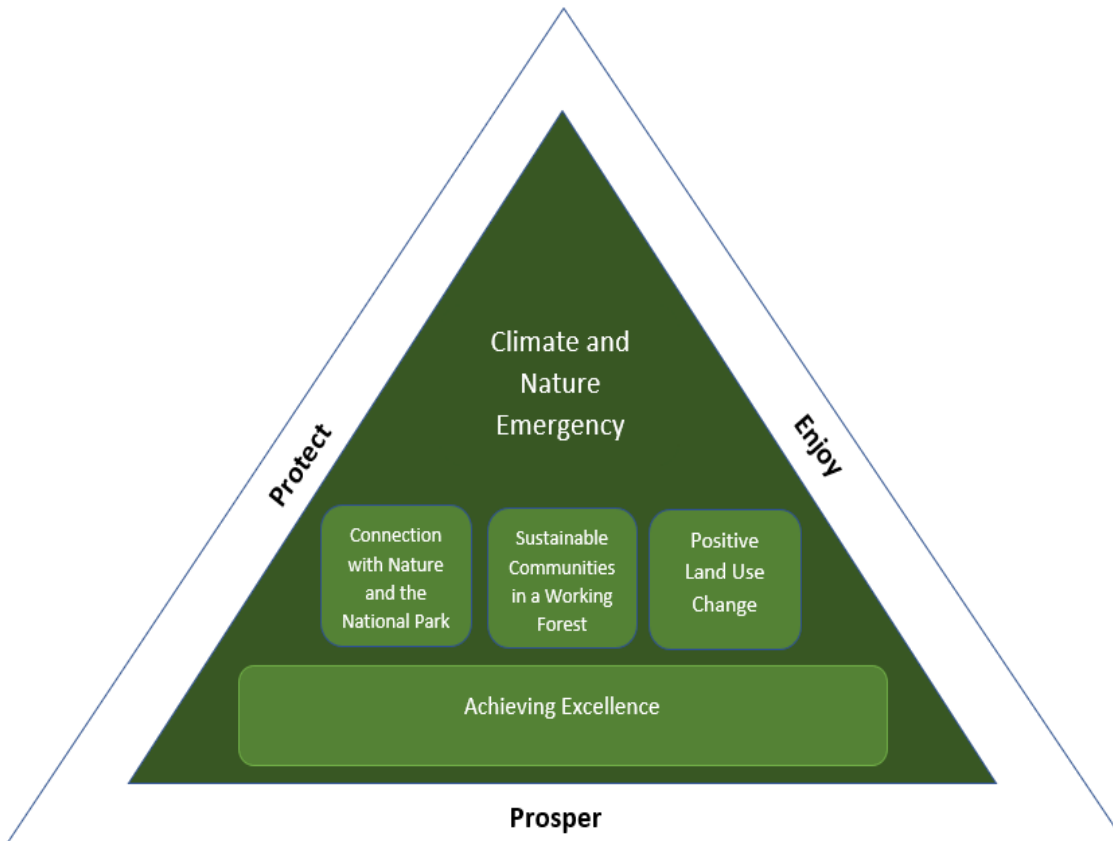
To receive members' input on the operation and format of the current work programme and how members would like to be involved in identifying the key areas of delivery to be included in the future work programme.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 In March 2020, whilst approving the 2020/21 work programme, members agreed to treat the 2020/21 year as a 'bridging' period in order to reflect emerging drivers for our strategic direction and work programme, making sure we build on from what we are delivering within what was the final year of the current Business Plan. Delivery in many areas of our work continued whilst we began to strategically change our organisational focus to achieve others.
- 1.2 Within the next six months, up to end of March 2021, members are aware that we will be developing the next Partnership Plan for the whole Forest and all the communities and organisations within it. This will then steer development of our own Business Plan which will set out how our Authority will deliver our elements within the overall Partnership Plan - clearly defining the desired outcomes and how progress will be measured and evaluated. Finally, we will need to establish a more detailed, again measurable, work programme for the 2021/22 financial year.

2 Current Priorities

- 2.1 The diagram below sets out the priority structure considered by members in approving the 2020/21 work programme:



- 2.2 Within this work programme, Climate and Nature Emergency is 'driving' and 'behind' everything we do, there are consequently some very high-level actions which are directly attributable to addressing these issues. At the next level there is a clear need to enable people to connect with nature and the place, ensure we have sustainable communities and manage the changing use of land/places. The final heading 'Achieving Excellence' is brought forward from previous work programmes to encompass how our organisation itself seeks the highest standard of service, efficiency and effectiveness.
- 2.3 The five new areas of focus took a clear steer from and encompass the Glover review headings of 'Landscapes for Everyone', 'Living in Landscapes', 'Landscapes Alive for Nature and Beauty', 'More Special Places' and 'New Ways of Working'.
- 2.4 The detailed outcomes and actions for the 2020/21 work programme within the five headings are as set out in the second quarter progress report on the agenda under item 7.

3 Future Priorities

- 3.1 Officers felt that early input from members on the format and content of the current work programme would be useful in informing the structure and content of the forthcoming Business Plan and 2021/22 work programme. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is not until February 2021, at which point much of the structure and detail of our future work planning would need to be in a significantly advanced stage. Members are therefore asked to provide feedback on how they would like to be involved in setting the direction of the new programme, i.e. officer reports, briefings, etc.

4 Recommendation

Members views are invited on the suitability and format of the current work programme and to advise on how they would like to be involved in identifying the key areas of delivery to be included in the future work programme.

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Equality and Diversity Implications:

There are no specific equality or diversity implications arising directly from this report, however where specific actions within any future work programme do have equality or diversity implications, they will be considered as appropriate.