

**AM 593-21**

## **NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

### **AUTHORITY MEETING – 12 APRIL 2021**

#### **WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22**

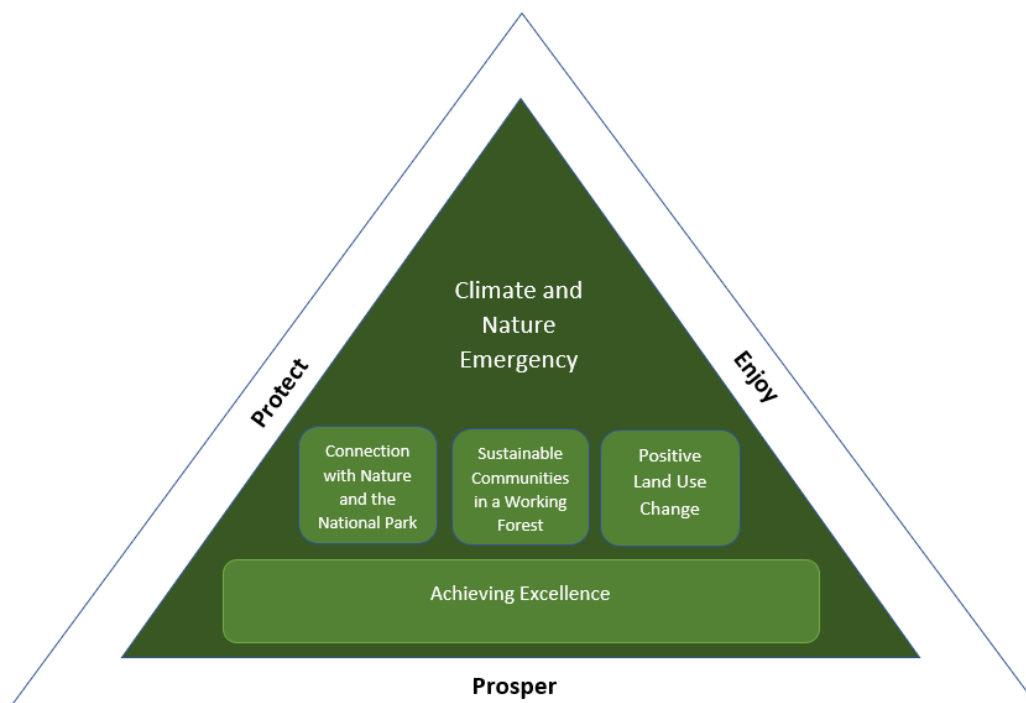
**Report by:** Alison Barnes, Chief Executive and the Strategic Leadership Team

#### **Summary**

To consider the final Work Programme for 2021/22 and confirm that the Authority is comfortable with the key areas of delivery for the next financial year. This report was considered in detail at the Resources, Audit and Performance Committee (RAPC) on 12 April 2021 and is recommended for approval.

#### **1. Draft Work Programme**

- 1.1 The Authority is currently leading the process to develop an updated Partnership Plan which sets a fresh Vision for the Forest's future in delivering the purposes for which National Parks were designated, to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage, and to promote understanding and enjoyment of the Forest's special qualities. The Plan is for the National Park as a place and not specifically for the National Park Authority or any other organisation.
- 1.2 As discussed at the December 2020 Authority Meeting (AM 579-20) and the March meeting of RAPC (paper RAPC 445/21), following the final ratification of the draft Partnership Plan by all the various delivery organisations within the upcoming months, the Authority will then develop a multi-year Business Plan to provide a framework for those elements of the Partnership Plan directly deliverable by this Authority.
- 1.3 Prior to this updated Business Plan, it is proposed to continue progression through the revised Work Programme structure developed last year. That followed the declaration of our Climate and Nature emergency and responded to the same emerging drivers that are now shaping the updated Partnership Plan.



- 1.4 We are therefore proposing to refresh the Work Programme for use in 2021/22 as set out in **Annex 1**. A full draft was discussed in detail at the RAPC meeting on 12 March 2021 and is now recommended for approval by that Committee.
- 1.5 Having concurrently set our Budget for 2021/22 and considered our available resources, both as an Authority and those within partnerships, the Strategic Leadership Team are confident that the outcomes detailed can be achieved within our existing staffing and budgetary resources.

## 2. Monitoring of Progress

- 2.1 Members will recall the new format whereby many 'business as usual' items have been removed from the tables, leaving a smaller number of clearly defined and concise actions to be monitored during the year. Progress against these actions will again be measured on a quarterly basis (at RAPC) by referring to the RAG (Red, Amber, Green) status under the quarterly column. A further RAG status column will confirm whether the complete objectives are still expected to be achieved by the end of the financial year. An amber or red status for the quarter or year will be addressed through an 'action to regain' column detailing mitigation or corrective action to bring the status back to green if possible.

- 2.2 Officers will also be fully reviewing our list of Key Performance Indicators, and the targets set for them, over the coming months. A revised list will be in place prior to the Q1 reporting to Resources, Audit and Performance Committee in September.

### **3. Recommendation**

**That the Authority, subject to any amendments discussed, approve the Work Programme for 2021/22.**

#### **Papers:**

**AM 593-21:** Cover Paper

**AM 593-21 Annex 1:** Work Programme 2021/22

#### **Equality and Diversity Implications:**

A number of the work programmes and indicators are directly focussed around improving equality and diversity, for example, our work with the Mosaic project, New Forest Voices, Pedall all-ability cycling and by monitoring attendance of under-represented groups at our events.