

## BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Dear Member

A meeting of the **NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY** will be held in **THE CONFERENCE ROOM, PLAS Y FFYNNON, CAMBRIAN WAY, BRECON LD3 7HP ON TUESDAY, 30TH JULY, 2019 AT 12.00 PM** when your attendance is requested.

Yours sincerely

Julian Atkins

Chief Executive

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- 6 APPROVAL OF THE 2018/19 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (Pages 3 - 8)**

### SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE

- I. To receive apologies for absence

2. Such other correspondence as, in the opinion of the Chairman, is of such urgency as to warrant consideration.

Any enquiries about this agenda should be addressed to Julia Gruffydd or Angharad Hawkes 01874624337



The **Single, Integrated, Impact Assessment (SIIA)** toolkit incorporating Welsh Language, Equalities, Well Being of Future Generations Act, Risk Management and Resources, supporting effective decision making and ensuring compliance with respective legislation. There are a number of pieces of legislation that the National Park Authority is subject to, which require us to carefully consider how we make decisions:

**Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011**

This specifies that the Authority must have due regard to:

- **Eliminate** discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- **Advance** equality of opportunity between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not;
- **Foster** good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

And must:

- Remove or minimise disadvantages experienced by people due to their protected characteristics
- Take steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups.
- Encourage people with protected characteristics to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low.

The Act describes fostering good relations as tackling prejudice and promoting understanding between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. Meeting the duty may involve treating some people more favourably than others, as long as this does not contravene other provisions within the Act.

**Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act will from April 2016 require all public bodies to demonstrate that we are improving social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing, whilst also looking to the future, planning for the long term and ensuring that we don't compromise the ability of future generations to be able to do the same. This is called sustainable development.

The Act sets out 7 Wellbeing Goals:

- **A Prosperous Wales**
- **A Resilient Wales**
- **A Healthier Wales**
- **A More Equal Wales**
- **A Wales of Cohesive Communities**
- **A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language**
- **A Globally Responsible Wales**

We have to demonstrate how we are contributing to all of these goals and following the 5 **Sustainable Development principles**: Long term, Integration, Collaboration, Involvement and Prevention

**Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011**

- Gives the Welsh language **official status** in Wales
- Establishes the principle that the Welsh language should be treated **no less favourably** than the English language
- Requires public authorities to **comply with standards** relating to Welsh language provision

The Policy Making Standards relate to assessing the impact of policies and decisions on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. The Authority must therefore consider the Welsh Language when we are developing policies and strategies or when considering new ways of providing services.

**Integrated Risk Assessment (Legislative Frameworks)** - Whilst there is no formal legislation which stipulates that we must formally manage our risks, it is good practice to undertake risk management, a process whereby we assess, evaluate and take action on risks in order to increase the probability of success and reduce the likelihood of failure. This process should include regular monitoring to ensure control of our identified risks where required. The outputs from effective risk management include compliance, assurance and **enhanced decision making**. These outputs provide benefits by way of improvements in the efficiency of our operations, successful delivery of our projects and the implementation of our corporate objectives.

**Risk management** is a continuous process that supports the development and implementation of our corporate planning and budget setting processes. Plans typically focus on a desired future, which is underpinned by a set of reasonable assumptions. However, each of these assumptions carries a level of uncertainty and risk. Using identified risks in the corporate planning and budget setting processes will ensure that we make informed decisions based on the current level of risk, and are fully aware of how the risks could either have a negative impact on our ability to deliver our objectives, or expose opportunities that we can exploit. Achieving our targeted performance is dependent upon our ability to manage our risks. As we deal with a changing legislative and policy framework we need to become shrewder about the risks we take so we can sustain our services with a continually reducing budget. Equally importantly we must be aware of the risks to avoid to ensure we protect our customers, reputation and financial stability.



<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Corporate and Financial Governance</b>	<b>Report Author</b>	<b>Elaine Standen</b>	<b>Approved by the CEO</b>	<b>Julian Atkins</b>
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<b>Summary of Recommendation</b>
That the Authority approve the 2017-18 Statement of Accounts

**1. How does your recommendation impact on the Authority’s Corporate Goals?**

Authority Goal	How does the recommendation contribute to the goal?	Positive (+) Negative (-) Neutral (N)	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?
i. Managing Park landscapes to maximise conservation and public benefits		N	
ii. Conserving and enhancing biodiversity		n	
iii. Providing opportunities for outdoor access and recreation		n	
iv. Raising awareness and understanding of the Park		n	
v. Building and maintaining sustainable communities, towns and villages		n	
vi. Sustainable economic development		n	

**2. How does your recommendation impact on the Welsh Government’s well-being goals?**

Well-being Goal	How does the recommendation contribute to the goal?	Positive (+) Negative (-) Neutral (N)	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?
<b>A prosperous Wales:</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs.		n	








Well-being Goal	How does the recommendation contribute to the goal?	Positive (+) Negative (-) Neutral (N)	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?
<b>A resilient Wales:</b> Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (eg climate change).		n	
<b>A healthier Wales:</b> People's physical and mental well-being is maximised and health impacts are understood.		n	
<b>A Wales of cohesive communities:</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected.		n	
<b>A globally responsible Wales:</b> Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental well-being.		n	
<b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language:</b> Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected.		n	

<b>A more equal Wales:</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances.	<b>Does the recommendation affect a large amount of people? Please give any evidence</b>	<b>Does the recommendation affect a small group of people in a significant way? Please give any evidence</b>	<b>How will the recommendation take into account the differing needs of protected characteristics or address any negative impact? Please give details</b>
Age Disability Gender Reassignment Marriage or civil partnership Race Religion or Belief Sex Sexual Orientation Pregnancy and Maternity			



### 3. How does your recommendation impact on the Sustainable Development Principles?

Sustainable Development Principle	How does the recommendation impact on this principle?	Positive (+) Negative (-) Neutral (N)	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?
 <p><i>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future.</i></p> <p>Long Term</p>		N	
 <p><i>Working together with other partners to deliver.</i></p> <p>Collaboration</p>		N	
 <p><i>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views.</i></p> <p>Involvement</p>		N	
 <p><i>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse.</i></p> <p>Prevention</p>		N	
 <p><i>Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three.</i></p> <p>Integration</p>		N	

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### 4. Welsh Language

Relevant Welsh Language Standard	Positive (+) Negative (-) Neutral (N)	Please give details here



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<b>Standard 88</b> What effects will the policy have (positive or negative) on a) Opportunities for people to use the Welsh Language b) Treating the Welsh Language <b>no less favourably</b> than the English Language	N	The Statement is published on the Authority's website and is therefore available bilingually
<b>Standard 89</b> How could the policy be formulated or changed so that the policy decision would have positive effects or increased positive effects on a) Opportunities for people to use the Welsh Language b) Treating the Welsh Language <b>no less favourably</b> than the English Language	N	
<b>Standard 90</b> How could the policy be formulated or changed so that it would not have adverse effects or would have reduced adverse effects on a) Opportunities for people to use the Welsh Language b) Treating the Welsh Language <b>no less favourably</b> than the English Language	N	

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## 6. Resource Implications

Resource	Please give details	Positive (+) Negative (-) Neutral (N)	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?
Financial		N	
The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012: Will this mean procurement over £172,514 without using a recognised framework?		N	
Staffing		N	

## 6. Governance and Improvement



Will the recommendation have an impact on:	Please give details	Positive (+) Negative (-) Neutral (N)	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?
<b>Improvement:</b> How will the decision be monitored and evaluated to lead to future improvements?		n	
<b>Governance:</b> Will the decision lead to improved governance?	Producing and publishing the Authority's audited Statement of Accounts is an essential element of corporate governance.	+	
<b>Privacy:</b> Will there be any implications for personal information relating to individuals:		n	

**7. What are the risks associated with this recommendation?**

Description of risk							
Policy is driven by the assessment and mitigation of known risks.							
Does it have potential to impact on another service area?							

**8. Is there additional evidence to support the Single Integrated Impact Assessment (SIA)?**

What additional evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?
No

**9. Impact Assessment Summary and Judgement**

Outline Assessment (to be inserted in Committee Report)
The Statement of Accounts documents the Authority's use and management of its financial resources for the past financial year and is essentially neutral in its impact.