Paper for noting

1. Introduction

The General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018 came into force on 25th May 2018. The new legislation has led to a number of changes in relation to the way that organisations handle personal data.

2. Recommendation

Members are asked to note the contents of this Report.

3. Contribution to National Park Partnership Plan

Compliance with statutory obligations supports the proper delivery of the organisational processes that underpin all Outcomes and Priorities of the National Park Partnership Plan 2018-23.

4. Background

4.1 With the coming into force of the European General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018 on 25th May 2018, changes to how personal data is handled have been introduced. Additional requirements are now enforce to ensure that personal data is fairly obtained and held in compliance with the law. Additional rights of individuals regarding their personal data have also been enacted.

4.2 Officers within the Park Authority have therefore been working to ensure compliance with these new statutory requirements in relation to the handling of personal data. This work has included the review of processes and practices to ensure progress towards compliance; implementation of revised processes and practices; and ongoing staff training and awareness raising regarding the changes.

4.3 Ongoing work will continue to be undertaken by officers to ensure ongoing compliance with these changes to the handling of personal data.

5. Conclusion

5.1 Members are asked to note the changes to the data protection legislation, to note the work being done by officers to comply with these changes and to otherwise note the content of this report.

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