

National Park Authority

Audit Committee Meeting

Agenda Item 16



Best Value in Public Services

Paper for noting

1. Introduction

- 1.1 We reported our formal response to the Best Value in Public Services Guidance to the June 2015 Audit Committee which highlighted that we are compliant with the guidance. This included a two year action plan to ensure that we continue to improve: continuous improvement is the main underlying premise of the Best Value Guidance.
- 1.2 The Best Value action plan identified 26 actions in total across 2015/16 and 2016/17: 18 of these actions were planned for 2015/16 and 8 for 2016/17.
- 1.3 **Appendix 1** provides an update on progress achieved on all 26 actions identified. At the time of reporting to the June 2015 Audit Committee we identified the availability of staff resource as the only risk. You will note that there has been some delay in progressing several of the actions as a result of delays in recruitment and other priority work. However this does not give any cause for concern in relation to our compliance with the Best Value Guidance because we are continuing to identify and achieve improvements.
- 1.4 Of the 18 actions planned for 2015/16:
 - 4 have completed or are expected to complete by 31 March 2016
 - 8 have achieved good progress during the year and will complete in 2016/17
 - 6 have been delayed until 2016/17
- 1.5 **Appendix 2** provides a revised version of the action plan for 2016/17 which contains 22 actions to be monitored during the course of the next financial year:
 - 7 to be completed from 2015/16
 - 7 postponed from 2015/16
 - 8 planned for 2016/17 originally

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and appendices 1 and 2.

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