Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority **Item 6**

Audit and Review Committee

26 November 2024

Performance Review of Carbon Reduction Plan

Purpose of the Report

1. To report back to the Committee following the performance review of the Authority's Carbon Reduction Plan.

Recommendation

2. That the proposed future actions and conclusion of the review (sections 4 and 5 of the **Annex)** are agreed.

Strategic Framework

3. The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and support the strategic planning framework:
   - Corporate Plan Objective 32:

     Operate Governance arrangements that are fit for purpose, as reported through the Annual Governance Statement and Annual Governance Report.

Background

4. At Audit and Review Committee on 24 April 2024, Members determined that a light touch performance review of the Authority's Carbon Reduction Plan should be carried out. Terms of reference for the review were agreed by the Committee on 9 July 2024.

The review

5. The review team comprised of two Members and two officers:

   Audit and Review Committee Member – Steve Shaw-Wright

   Member Champion for Corporate Management– Julie Hutton

   Director of Corporate Services – Clare Burrows

   Estates Manager – Jon Tighe

6. The purpose of the review was to:

   (i) understand the effectiveness of the current Carbon Reduction Plan by reviewing performance in this area and the cost effectiveness of measures undertaken;

   (ii) assess whether the existing objective is realistic; and,

   (iii) identify potential further carbon reduction measures that could be explored as part of the new Carbon Reduction Plan 2025-2030

7. The review team's report is attached as an **Annex** which includes details of the Authority's current performance, the cost of the interventions and savings, and proposals for future actions.

Financial Implications

8. The implementation of carbon reduction measures has resulted in cost savings for the Authority.

Legal Implications

9. None.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Implications

10. None.

Conclusion

11. The work of the review team will be used to help shape the Authority's Carbon Reduction Plan 2025-2030 which is to be presented to the Authority for adoption in March 2025.

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