

## **SELECT COMMITTEE**

8 June 2022

**Present** – The Chair (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Pighills, Shuttleworth, Solloway, and Whitaker.

**Officers** – Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager and Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer.

Start: 6.35pm

Finish: 8.40pm

### **Apologies for Absence –**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brown and Mercer.

### **Confirmation of Minutes –**

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held 16 February 2022 are approved as a correct record.

### **Public Participation –**

There was no public participation.

### **Declarations of Interest –**

Whilst no declarations of interests were made, it was noted that Councillor Ireton is the NYCC appointee to the YDNPA and that Councillor Lis is the Council's appointee to the YDNPA

## **Minutes for Report**

### **OS.477      Presentation of the Impact of Tourism on the Craven District Report**

Members made the following points:

- In some parts of the report, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) was referred to as Association, rather than Authority. The Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager will correct the report.
- There was some debate over whether the YDNPA promotes tourism. Whilst some Members said that their aim isn't to promote tourism, it was pointed out by other Members that content on their website could be interpreted as doing the opposite.
- There was some disagreement over the level of YDNPA public consultation, with some Members feeling that it was adequate whilst other Members felt that it wasn't enough and more targeted questions could be asked to really establish how their lives are impacted by tourism.
- Some Members felt that the report should have been circulated to stakeholders before it was made public. It was agreed that the report would be sent out and feedback requested before it is signed off.
- It was agreed that Recommendation 9 was not needed.
- Recommendations 1 and 3 were amended.

- Resolved** – 1) That, the incorrect spelling of YDNPA will be corrected.  
2) That, Recommendation 9 is removed from the report.  
3) That, Recommendations 1 and 3 are changed to the wording decided in the meeting.  
4) That, the report to be circulated to Stakeholders  
5) That, the report is not signed off at this meeting for Policy Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022, but that it is aimed to be put in front of Policy Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

OS.478

#### **Recommendation Tracking Update**

The Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager presented the Recommendation Tracking report which was last presented to Select Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Members were concerned that whilst Select Committee had recommended that 2 extra Planning Enforcement Officers should be recruited, the update explained that just 1 extra officer had joined the team. Members understood the difficulties in recruiting more officers, and that there was a nationwide shortage, but requested an update from Planning Enforcement on whether they needed more officers.

**Resolved** – That, Planning Enforcement provide a further update which includes whether they are struggling with the numbers in their team and if they are planning to recruit further officers.

OS.479

#### **Work Programme**

Discussion took place about Skipton Magistrates Courts, as some Members have been made aware that only guilty pleas are being heard in Skipton, with non-guilty pleas being sent to other courts out of the Craven district. This clearly has a negative impact on some people who are having to travel long distances to attend their case. The Committee agreed that Councillor Solloway will chair a Working Group to establish why this is happening and how Select Committee could help to ensure that all local cases are heard at Skipton Magistrates Court.

It was also announced that the Select (Crime and Disorder) Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 would be moved earlier to 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

OS.480

#### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Select Committee - Wednesday, 13 July 2022 at 6.30pm.

Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee – Wednesday, 13 July 2022 at 7.00pm.

Chair