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Report: EDUCATION WORK PLAN 2009 - 2012

Purpose of the report

1. To seek Members approval for the National Park Authority's Education Work Plan for 2009 – 12.

Strategic Planning Framework

2. The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic planning framework:

**National Park Management Plan objectives
UE1, UE3, UE5.**

**Corporate Plan objectives
Objective 11**

Make information about the National Park easily accessible and relevant to a diverse range of groups and individuals, focusing on the urban areas of Yorkshire, Lancashire and Teesside that surround it:

- each year develop and implement one new programme of formal or informal education or training to encourage schools and groups to get involved in conserving the special qualities of the National Park.

Background

3. The YDNPA Education Strategy (2000 – 05) and Education Work Plan (2006 – 08) have driven the development of a significant foundation of education resources and activities (located on the NPA website) and embedded an infrastructure for the delivery of education services across NPA departments.
4. The Education Work Plan 2009 – 2012 is attached as an **Appendix**.

Key points

5. The focus of the work plan is on NPA provision for the formal education sector throughout all ages of 'lifelong learning'.

6. The plan provides a framework for the development of annual corporate plan actions, which will define our provision for the sector.
7. This framework has strong links with the Recreation and Tourism Strategy (part of today's agenda) and through this, will form the basis for development of a strategy document which covers the outreach and events programmes.
8. The document will help to clarify our position to potential partner organisations and interest groups and will be used to inform and support potential funding bids.

Conclusion

9. The new work plan will build on these developments and guide NPA education provision in the period from March 2009 to April 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

10. That Members approve the Education Work Plan for 2009 – 2012.

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