

EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

19 JULY 2005

MEMBER TRAINING

Report of the Head of Business Management

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| Purpose of Report: To confirm the member training programme for the period to June 2006 |
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Legal Implications including Human Rights Act 1998:

None

Financial Implications:

Any costs would be covered by the training budget for members

National Park Purposes:

To ensure members are equipped with the knowledge and information to approve policy and make decisions relating to the achievement of National Park purposes.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Authority AGREES the Member Training Programme proposed for the period to June 2006

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At the last meeting members agreed that a series of workshops would be held on the rising of the Planning Committee on 2 August 2005, 1 November 2005, 10 January 2006 and 4 April 2006.
- 1.2 Members considered a list of possible topics for inclusion in the programme and felt that more than one topic could be dealt with at each workshop.

2. PROGRAMME

- 2.1 On reviewing the topics discussed it became apparent that the workshops could be themed and the proposals set out below have been constructed on this basis as follows:

- **2 August 2005** **Information**
Freedom of Information Act
Information Provision (publications, web site)
National Park Centres/Local Information Points
- **1 November 2005** **Conservation**
Biodiversity Action Planning
Managing SSSIs/NNRs owned by the authority
Exmoor Pony Management
- **10 January 2006** **Cultural Heritage**
Archaeology
Conservation Area Appraisals

- **4 April 2006**

Promoting Understanding

Social Inclusion

Education Services

- 2.2 This would leave a few topics to be carried over to next year and it will be noted that no updating on 'Standards' has been included as it was felt sufficient training has already been carried out on this topic. The programme is however not cast in tablets of stone and could be varied or amended should any important topic emerge.

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