

Report of: Democratic Services Manager

Subject: Corporate Events

Decision Required: Yes

Recommendation:

The Authority is asked to authorise the level of representation at the Wales Planning Conference, Welsh Members Seminar and UK National Parks Conference.

1. Key Messages

Members are invited to agree representation at the following events:

1. Wales Planning Conference: 18 June 2026 – Cardiff (Chair and/or Deputy Chair DM Committee)
2. Welsh Members' Seminar hosted by Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority 8-9 July 2026 (*All Members*)
3. UK National Parks Conference - Cairngorms National Park, 15-18 September 2026 (*4 Members*)

2. Background

During the course of a year, the National Park Authority is invited to attend various corporate events. Attendance at external events is an important part of Members' duties and, whilst it is acknowledged that other calls are made on their time, it is expected that Members will attend a number of these during their term of office with the Authority.

3. Consultation

None

4. Strategic Policy Context

The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic policy context.

Developing the entity's capacity, including the capability of its leadership and the individuals within it is one of the Principles of the Authority's Code of Corporate Governance. Therefore ensuring that Members and officers have the necessary skills to operate the organisation is an important aspect of governance.

5. Financial Considerations

The number of events offered to Members has been reduced due to financial pressures, however there is still a small budget for attendance at Corporate Events. Due to the limited number of spaces at the UK National Parks Conference, priority will be given to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority together with those Members who have not attended the Conference on previous occasions.

6. Risk and Compliance Considerations

Although the Authority is facing financial pressures, there is a risk in Members not engaging with external bodies from whom good practice can be learned.

7. Impact on our Public Sector Duties

7.1 Integrated Assessment Completed: No

7.2 Equality, Socio-Economic, Health and Human Rights Impacts

There are no impacts arising from attendance at these events.

7.3 Welsh Language Impacts

There are no impacts arising from attendance at these events.

7.4 Section 6 Biodiversity Duty and Carbon Emission Impacts

Travel to these events will be by shared car/minibus to minimise carbon emissions. One of the Authority's corporate objectives as outlined in the current decarbonisation delivery plan is for PCNPA to be a carbon neutral Authority by 2030. The fleet (including Grey Fleet) comprises approximately 6% of CO₂e emissions and a fleet decarbonisation programme is ongoing.

7.5 Well-being Goals for Wales and 5 Ways of Working (Sustainable Development Principles) Impacts

Attendance at these events will better equip Members to consider the Well-being Goals for Wales and the Sustainable Development Principles in their decision making.

8. Conclusion

Members are asked to agree representation at the above-mentioned events.

9. List Background Documentation:

[RTPI | Wales Planning Conference](#)

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