#### REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION POLICY OFFICER

# SUBJECT: TECHNICAL UPDATES TO THE PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2009-13: REPORT OF CONSULTATIONS 2014

## Purpose of Report

To report the outcome of public consultation on technical updates to the National Park Management Plan (2009-13).

#### Background

Draft technical updates to the Management Plan (2009-13) were approved for public consultation by the Authority on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013 (NPA report 68/13) and were consulted on between 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014<sup>1</sup>.

A report of consultations on the technical updates is attached at Annex 1 to this report. Five representations were received. No amendments to the updates are considered necessary as a result of the representations.

It is therefore proposed that the updates are formally adopted by the Authority as part of the National Park Management Plan (to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014). (A revised Management Plan will cover the period 2015-19 and that is the subject of a separate report today.)

#### Legal considerations

The Environment Act 1995 requires National Park Management Plans to be reviewed at intervals of not more than five years. Statutory consultees and other key stakeholders were formally notified of the National Park Authority's intention to update and review the Management Plan in January 2014.

#### **Recommendation:**

- 1. That Members NOTE the report of consultations at Annex 1.
- 2. That Members APPROVE the technical updates, as issued for public consultation, as formally constituting part of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Management Plan (to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014).

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**Background Documents** 

### National Park Management Plan 2009-2013

http://www.pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk/default.asp?PID=196

<sup>1</sup> http://www.pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk/files/files/Dev%20Plans/Technical%20update%20NPMP2009.pdf http://www.pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk/Files/files/Dev%20Plans/TechUpdate%20NPMP2009Wel.pdf

# Annex 1 – Report of consultations on the 2014 technical update to the National Park Management Plan 2009-13.

The proposed technical updates (of which there are approximately twenty-five) were communicated directly to statutory and close organisational partners: Welsh Government, Pembrokeshire County Council, Natural Resources Wales, the Secretary of State for Wales and Cadw.

A press notice regarding the proposed updates was published on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014, and organisations and individuals on the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan consultation database were notified of the consultation, which ran from 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

Five representations were received. These are summarised below.

| Respondent                                              | Summary of comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Officer response |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Natural Resources Wales                                 | Natural Resources Wales agrees that the updates are technical in nature and do not affect existing policy. Natural Resources Wales welcomes the exercise to update the Management Plan and looks forward to engaging in the full review of the Management Plan. | Noted.           |
| Network Rail                                            | Network Rail notes the proposed changes to the Plan and has no comments to make.                                                                                                                                                                                | Noted.           |
| Pembrokeshire County<br>Council                         | Pembrokeshire County Council notes that the updates are technical in nature and do not affect existing policy. Accordingly Pembrokeshire County Council has no comments to make, but looks forward to engaging in the full review of the Management Plan.       | Noted.           |
| The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management Cymru    | The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management Cymru has to reserve its comments on plans related more specifically to waste. The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management Cymru is therefore unable to offer comments on the updates.                        | Noted.           |
| Welsh Government<br>(Economy, Science and<br>Transport) | Welsh Government (transport) notes the proposed changes to the Plan and has no objection or further comments to make.                                                                                                                                           | Noted            |