

## **PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVED WORKING WITH THE NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Since the New Forest National Park Authority came into existence in 2006 shared services have been established, with the District Council and Park Authority each providing services for the other under a range of Service Level Agreements.
- 1.2 With the increasing demands on planning services discussions have taken place between officers to explore opportunities to improve working arrangements.
- 1.3 It was agreed that the Council's Chief Executive would submit a proposal that could be considered by each organisation. A letter setting out the draft proposal is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

### **2.0 THE PROPOSAL**

- 2.1 The attached letter sets out 3 main areas for consideration. These are:
  - The formal leadership engagement between both organisations
  - Working together
  - Shared services

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 As set out in the attached letter significant financial benefits could be achieved for both organisations.

### **4.0 CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Efficiencies and more effective working between the two organisations may achieve many, varied benefits.

## **5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 That the Cabinet supports development of the proposal for improved working arrangements with the National Park Authority, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

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### **Background Papers:**

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