



To realise the vision and aspirations for the National Park, we want to work in successful partnerships.

In order to create and maintain the just and safe space for the public enjoyment of the National Park will need the collective action of all those with a stake in the management of the National Park. To ensure that such collective action is productive we would like to engender partnership working within the Park.

Partnership working has been defined by the United Nations as

“An ongoing collaborative relationship between or among organisations from different stakeholder types aligning their interests around a common vision, combining their complementary resources and competencies and sharing risk, to maximise value creation and deliver benefit to each of the partners.” (UN 2020)

PARTNERSHIP POLICY

Why this is important

If we want to deliver the vision and aspirational outcomes for the National Park operating within the just and safe space, in many cases it's better to do so in partnership with others. This is because there is a lot to do in a very short timeframe.

Done successfully, partnership working can lead to more people and organisations contributing more resources to positive outcomes in more places in the National Park

Spatial partnerships can provide the balance and range of activities and services that our small organisation cannot provide simultaneously to all – thereby creating scope to grow and achieve decision-making at the most local level possible.

We've also got a statutory responsibility to consider how acting in collaboration could assist meeting our wellbeing objectives.

How the policy will be implemented

To manage our partnership activity, we will establish protocols for our partnership working based on the Sustainable Development Goals Partnership Guidebook.

We recognise that partnership working usually requires considerable time and effort to develop and commitment from all partners to work together and that this can only happen where there is a clear alignment of interests.

Where interests align, the complementarity and diversity of resources different partners can bring to the table deliver benefit and impact far greater than the sum of the parts.

We also recognise that all partners must gain value from their involvement if they are to remain engaged in partnership working.

What success looks like

Healthy and successful partnerships demonstrate:

- Agreement that a partnership is necessary
- Respect and trust between different interests
- Leadership of a respected individual or individuals
- Commitment of key interests developed through a clear and open process
- Development of a shared vision of what might be achieved
- Time to build the partnership
- Shared mandates or agendas
- Development of compatible ways of working, and flexibility
- Effective communication aided by a facilitator
- Collaborative decision-making, with a commitment to achieving consensus regarding matters and actions within the scope of the partnership
- Effective organisational management.

How we will measure progress

Through appropriate scrutiny arrangements, we will keep our partnership activity under review to ensure it remains the most appropriate and effective way of delivering the vision and aspirations for the National Park