

DNP meeting 6 March 2026

It was the last time the present chief executive will meet for the authority as he retires at the end of March. A new chief executive has been appointed Mr Tom Surrey; he joins the DNP on 18th March.

Kevin Bishop has been here for 18 years, a presentation was made to him, he made a speech and said he was going to stay in the area as he considered Dartmoor to be a special place, I know he does DIY and woodwork including woodturning so I invited him to join the community shed here in Moreton, he said he may do that.

He also said there are only 2 members here now that were here when he was appointed and they are Sally Morgan and Mike Jeffery.

The main item on the agenda was the business plan, (summary below) . Some other items then the committee went into part 11 for a confidential briefing. The meeting closed at 1400.

The draft Business Plan for 2026/27 is structured around six priorities:

- 1• Better for Nature and Climate
- 2• Better for Cultural Heritage
- 3• Better for Farming and Forestry
- 4• Better for People
- 5• Better for Communities and Business
- 6• Be an excellent organisation

1 Networks of healthy habitats that are home to many different plants, insects and animals create a more resilient natural environment, at a landscape-scale, connected within and across the boundary of the National Park. Some areas feel wilder as nature is enhanced and allowed to take its course. Dartmoor's peatlands, soils and woodlands will store significantly more carbon. Responding to climate change will be embedded in our way of life.

2 Dartmoor's cultural heritage and historic environment is protected, well managed and in good condition. The significance of the historic environment will be understood by both those living and working on Dartmoor and by visitors. Dartmoor's rich historic environment will be actively researched and celebrated.

3 Farming and forestry systems that sustain a resilient and thriving natural environment, store and sequester carbon, produce healthy food, high quality fibre and other products, are economically viable and deliver a wide range of public goods

4 Dartmoor provides a warm welcome to people from all backgrounds: enriching people's lives and connecting them with this special place. Transformative experiences will inspire people to care for

the National Park. All users will be responsible: caring for the place, respecting other users and local communities

5 People of all ages can enjoy living and working in low carbon, flourishing communities that are connected physically and digitally. Dartmoor's communities are thriving and engaged in caring for the National Park

6 A motivated, well-resourced organisation working effectively and efficiently to deliver key services and, with partners, to deliver National Park purposes and the vision in the Dartmoor Partnership Plan