

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY  
AUDIT & REVIEW COMMITTEE

17 March 2006

**BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2005/06:  
PROGRESS ON ACTIONS AT THE END OF QUARTER 3**

**Purpose of report**

To inform members of progress towards achieving the actions set out in the 2005/06 Best Value Performance Plan.

**Strategic Planning Framework**

The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic planning framework:

▪ ***Best Value Performance Plan***

'Plan and manage all aspects of the Authority's business so as to make the most consistent and effective use of our resources..., including achieving at least 80% of the actions per annum identified in the Best Value Performance Plan'.

**Background**

The Best Value Performance Plan contains 87 'strategic' actions, which can be further subdivided into 192 detailed actions.

Progress on these actions is reported to Members on a quarterly basis. Reports come to the Audit & Review Committee at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of the year. Reports at the end of the second quarter and the final report at the end of the year go to the full Authority.

For reference, the 'quarters' relate to the following dates:

Quarter 1 (Q1)	1 April to 30 June
Quarter 2 (Q2)	1 July to 30 September
Quarter 3 (Q3)	1 October to 31 December
Quarter 4 (Q4)	1 January to 31 March

**Progress**

The table at **Appendix 1** shows progress to date on every action contained in the Best Value Performance Plan. For any actions that are not 'Achieved', 'On course', or have not yet commenced ('N/C'), an explanation is provided in a footnote.

*Actions due for completion between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005*

There were 46 actions due to be achieved during the third quarter of the year. Of these:

- 35 (76%) have been achieved
- 6 (13%) have been revised or rescheduled to later in the financial year
- 5 (11%) have been postponed to 2006/07

*Actions due for completion by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006*

Overall, of the 192 actions for the year:

- 85 (44%) have been achieved
- 72 (38%) are on course for completion within the year
- 16 (8%) have been revised or rescheduled
- 19 (10%) have been postponed to 2006/07

The table in **Appendix 2** provides a summary of progress on the BVPP actions, broken down by 'functional heading'.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That members note the progress made towards achieving the actions set out in the Best Value Performance Plan 2005/06.

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Background documents: Nil

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**Best Value Action Plan 2005/06**  
**Summary of Performance by 'Functional Heading'**

	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Conservation of the Natural Environment</b>	<b>39</b>	
Achieved	18	46%
On course	15	38%
Rescheduled/Revised	3	8%
Postponed to 2006/07	3	8%
<b>Conservation of the Cultural Heritage</b>	<b>25</b>	
Achieved	9	36%
On course	11	44%
Rescheduled/Revised	5	20%
<b>Recreation Management</b>	<b>54</b>	
Achieved	24	44%
On course	19	35%
Rescheduled/Revised	4	7%
Postponed to 2006/07	7	13%
<b>Promoting Understanding</b>	<b>28</b>	
Achieved	14	50%
On course	11	39%
Postponed to 2006/07	3	11%
<b>Development Control</b>	<b>10</b>	
Achieved	5	50%
On course	1	10%
Rescheduled/Revised	1	10%
Postponed to 2006/07	2	20%
Not commenced	1	10%
<b>Forward Planning</b>	<b>16</b>	
Achieved	3	19%
On course	9	56%
Rescheduled/Revised	2	12.5%
Postponed to 2006/07	2	12.5%
<b>Corporate and Democratic Functions</b>	<b>20</b>	
Achieved	11	55%
On course	7	35%
Rescheduled/Revised	1	5%
Postponed to 2006/07	1	5%

## Best Value Action Plan 2005-06 - Quarter 3

Lead	No	Action	Date	Progress			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>CONSERVATION OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT</b>							
TT	1.	Continue programme of surveys of the extent and condition of important habitats: a) complete a survey of woodland habitats in the Craven District of the Park b) complete a survey of Richmondshire District of the Park	Oct Dec	On course On course	<b>Achieved</b> <b>Achieved</b>	- -	- -
TT	2.	Continue implementation of Species Action Plans (SAPs) including: a) deliver the 'Aren't Birds Brilliant' peregrine viewing scheme at Malham Cove in partnership with the RSPB; b) work with local conservation groups and others to carry out annual monitoring of 8 key SAP species, including black grouse, hen harrier, and Northern Brown Argus c) complete 1 <sup>st</sup> phase of 2 year research to determine baseline survey information for 2 snail species - <i>Vertigo alpestris</i> and <i>Vertigo pusilla</i> . d) determine the distribution of red squirrels in the Yorkshire area of the National Park by nest box and feeder surveys, and an awareness campaign e) complete a survey of Yorkshire Feather Moss sites	Jul Aug Mar Mar Sep	<b>Achieved</b> On course On course On course On course	- <b>Achieved</b> Revised On course <b>Achieved</b>	- - On course On course -	- - - On course -
TT	3.	Work with English Nature and other NPAs to improve biodiversity monitoring and action: a) restructure and support Nature in the Dales Biodiversity Forum to run a conference in 2006/07; b) produce two 'Habitat Information' booklets c) use the new national Biodiversity Action Reporting System to report progress with the Yorkshire Dales LBAP; d) produce a report on the state of biodiversity in the South Lakeland area of the Park; e) complete interim review of <i>Nature in the Dales</i> ; f) create a biodiversity section on the Authority's website.	Mar Dec Jan Mar Mar Mar	On course On course On course On course On course On course	Revised On course On course Postponed On course On course	On course Rescheduled <sup>1</sup> On course - On course <b>Achieved</b>	- - - - - -
GS	4.	Take action to: a) use the landscape character assessment, alongside other documents, to identify the key characteristics of the Park for inclusion in the revised National Park Management Plan; b) refine landscape character guidelines for consultation alongside the revised National Park Management Plan; c) make information on the landscape character of the Park available electronically	Dec Dec Jan	Rescheduled Rescheduled On course	Rescheduled Postponed On course	<b>Achieved</b> - Rescheduled <sup>2</sup>	- - -

<sup>1</sup> One booklet complete – Limestone Grassland and Flushes will be completed by March

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Lead	No	Action	Date	Progress			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
TT	5.	Further expand the 'Limestone Country' Project:					
		a) launch the 'Limestone Country' website;	Apr	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
		b) establish traditional hardy cattle herds on a further 3 farms – a total of 18 agreements.	Sep	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-
		c) hold two technical demonstration events. Attend one international and two national agri-environment conferences.	Oct	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-
		d) complete third phase of data collection on economic & environmental impacts of the project.	Feb	On course	On course	On course	
		e) complete second phase of rabbit and thistle control.	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
		f) continue to support the development and implementation of a co-operative farmers marketing scheme	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
		g) complete 5 interpretation panels and three newsletters promoting the scheme.	Mar	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
AJS	6.	Work with DEFRA and our partner agencies to provide a more effective, integrated approach to the delivery of agri-environmental funding:					
		a) manage national ANPA/EN/CA/RDS research project to identify ways to improve delivery of agri-environment schemes in National Parks	Sep	Rescheduled	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-
		b) develop proposals for the cost-effective collection and analysis of data to monitor the impact of the recent reform of the Common Agricultural Policy on the achievement of National Park purposes.	Dec	Rescheduled	Rescheduled	<b>Achieved</b>	-
		c) support the development and implementation of the pilot Rural Advice and Information Network	Sep	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-
		d) develop proposals for the Authority's future role in the delivery of agri-environment support;	Feb	On course	Rescheduled	On course	
		e) compile at least 15 Farm Environment Plans	Dec	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
		f) advise and assist with new Environmental Stewardship (higher level scheme) agreements bringing at least 500ha of the Park into good conservation management	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
		g) carry out 'care and maintenance' visits for 20 farms in existing agri-environment agreements	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
TT	7.	Work with the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust to submit a bid for funding for a Dales-wide project to restore degraded hay meadows.	Mar	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
TT	8.	Work with North Yorkshire County Council to establish a pilot management strategy for flower-rich road verges	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
GG	9.	Increase the area of native woodland, including:					
	a)	fund and advise on the planting of 25 ha of new native woodland	Mar	On course	On course	On course	

<sup>2</sup> Work underway to add information to website and will be completed in February

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Lead	No	Action	Date	Progress			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		b) identify future funding opportunities to ensure delivery of the objectives set out in the revised Dales Woodland Strategy	Jan	On course	On course	On course	
GG	10.	Review and re-negotiate 10 Woodland Management Agreements	Feb	On course	On course	On course	
GG	11.	Support Yorwoods' work to develop and promote economic opportunities based on the sustainable use of woodlands within the Park	Mar	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-
GG	12.	Review the Dales Woodland Strategy in the light of the Regional Forest Strategy.	Dec	On course	Rescheduled	<b>Achieved</b>	-
TT	13.	Support increased community involvement in conservation activities: a) produce management plans for all Authority-owned local nature reserves; b) engage local groups and volunteers and carry out the first year management	Dec Mar	On course On course	On course On course	Postponed <sup>3</sup> Revised <sup>4</sup>	-
<b>CONSERVATION OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>							
MS	14.	Develop the Authority's Conservation Area programme: a) update the Authority's Conservation Area strategy; b) update the Character Statements for 2 existing Conservation Areas.	Dec Mar	On course On course	On course On course	Rescheduled <sup>5</sup> Revised <sup>6</sup>	
MS	15.	Survey one fifth of the Listed Buildings in the Park to identify those 'at risk'.	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
RFW	16.	Complete survey of all publicly-accessible Scheduled Ancient Monuments.	Nov	Rescheduled	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
RFW	17.	Carry out archaeological field survey of 1,000 ha of the NPA's own estate, and incorporate results into the Historic Environment Record.	Mar	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
RFW	18.	Work with NYCC to complete initial historic landscape characterisation of half the National Park.	Mar	On course	Revised	On course	
RFW	19.	Support research to increase understanding of aspects of the historic environment, including: a) support the Yorkshire Gardens Trust to analyse and publicise results of the survey of Historic Parks and Gardens. b) investigation of early phases of lime production; c) Norse settlement.	Mar Nov Jan	On course On course On course	On course <b>Achieved</b> <b>Achieved</b>	Revised <sup>7</sup> - -	- - -
RFW	20.	Increase accessibility of historic environment information: a) publicly launch 'Out of Oblivion' website; b) commence transfer of backlog information to electronic Historic Environment Record by creating/updating 1,000 'new' records.	Jun Mar	<b>Achieved</b> On course	- On course	- On course	- -

<sup>3</sup> Management plans have been produced for two of the 5 LNRs. Development of the remaining 3 is being postponed to enable development of better community involvement.

<sup>4</sup> Engaging local groups in the management of the sites is proving to be a slower process than first planned and essential first year management works have, thus, been carried out but by contractors. However, we expect to have arrangements for future management and monitoring in 2006/07 in place by the end of March.

<sup>5</sup> Rescheduled to end of Feb because of concentration of resources on finishing PSPP project (see Action 26)

<sup>6</sup> Delayed by completion of PSPP project. Survey and preparatory work will still be completed by March.

<sup>7</sup> 3-year survey will be completed and analysis is underway but publication of final results will now be later in 2006.

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				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		c) make Conservation Area Character Appraisals available through the website	Dec	On course	Rescheduled	Rescheduled <sup>5</sup>	
RFW	21.	Carry out a series of events to promote awareness and understanding of the historic environment including: a) run an historic environment day school b) facilitate 2 historic building education days c) analyse effectiveness of selected events	Apr Mar Mar	<b>Achieved</b> On course On course	- Rescheduled On course	- On course <b>Achieved</b>	- - -
MS	22.	Work with DEFRA's Rural Development Service to provide advice on the restoration of 25 traditional field barns	Mar	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
MS	23.	Complete sample survey of condition of field barns and analyse the results.	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
MS	24.	a) produce a long term strategy for reducing the number of 'at risk' buildings b) take action to remove 2 listed buildings from the 'At Risk' Register	Jan Jan	On course On course	On course On course	On course On course	
RFW	25.	Develop and implement a programme of practical conservation work on 4 monuments, including: a) Kettlewell smelt mill; b) Mealbank Quarry	Mar Mar	On course On course	On course On course	On course On course	
MS	26.	Complete the 'Public Spaces, Private Places' programme, working with local communities to: a) produce 14 village appraisals b) produce 17 village action plans	Dec Mar	On course On course	On course On course	<b>Achieved</b> Revised <sup>8</sup>	
MS	27.	Enhance the planning policy framework for the historic environment: a) prepare list of proposed historic environment guidance as basis for consultation through the LDF b) prepare a draft of the first set of guidance	Dec Mar	Rescheduled On course	Revised Revised	<b>Achieved</b> On course	-
<b>RECREATION MANAGEMENT</b>							
KB	28.	Produce annual report outlining progress in achieving outcomes identified in the Integrated Access Strategy.	Mar	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
KB	29.	Put in place a robust framework for monitoring access and recreation within the Yorkshire Dales National Park including, green lanes, CRoW Act, Rights of Way, long distance routes, visitor perception and attitude surveys	Oct	Rescheduled	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
AH	30.	Continue to implement programme of works to maintain and improve rights of way: a) produce a comprehensive maintenance plan;					

<sup>8</sup> Action Plan will be produced by March but will still be subject to public consultation

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Lead	No	Action	Date	Progress			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		b) produce an annual report outlining progress and outcomes; c) enhance 9 river crossings, d) carry out 27 specific PROW projects, e) enhance 6 Green Lanes and continue with general stile, gate and bridge maintenance; f) work with Cumbria and North Yorkshire County Councils to produce a consultation draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) Action Plan for the Yorkshire Dales National Park	Mar Feb Mar Mar Mar Mar	On course On course On course On course On course On course	Rescheduled On course On course On course On course On course	On course On course On course On course On course On course	
KB	31.	Through consultation with the YDAF and user groups produce a 'recreational charter' for the Yorkshire Dales	Jan	On course	On course	Rescheduled <sup>9</sup>	
JA	32.	Implement CRoW Act Part 1 (open access): a) appoint 4 seasonal Access Rangers b) host regional launch of Open Access c) provide 8 access information points d) implement the CRoW Communication Strategy, so users are aware of their rights and responsibilities e) enhance and/or provide at least 60 boundary crossing points; f) produce 2 newsletters for landowners and farmers g) provide advisory signs in accordance with the CRoW signing strategy h) determining 90% of applications for restrictions and exclusions using the national restrictions casework system within the designated period; i) carry out an assessment of the impact of the Act to inform management in the 06-07 season	Apr May May May Mar Oct Nov Nov Mar	<b>Achieved</b> <b>Achieved</b> <b>Achieved</b> <b>Achieved</b> On course On course On course On course On course	- - - - Revised On course On course <b>Achieved</b> On course On course	- - - - On course Rescheduled <sup>10</sup> - <b>Achieved</b> On course	- - - - - - - -
KB	33.	Support the work of the Local Access Forum: a) develop a logo to help promote the independent identity of the Forum; b) produce a handbook for Forum members c) develop the role of the forum to enhance recreational provision in the national park	Jan Oct Mar	Rescheduled On course On course	Rescheduled <b>Achieved</b> On course	On course - On course	- -
JA	34.	Implement 50% of Pennine Bridleway National Trail a) launch the opening of the 'Malham Loop' b) host a joint workshop with the Countryside Agency to promote the potential economic benefits to local businesses of the trail	Apr May	<b>Achieved</b> <b>Achieved</b>	- -	- -	- -
KB	35.	Provide more opportunities for 'access for all': a) work with Yorkshire Forward and Craven District Council to assess whether the	Mar	Rescheduled	On course	On course	

<sup>9</sup> Rescheduled to March 06 to allow time to consult with users. Paper to LAF in January

<sup>10</sup> Rescheduled to March 06 to allow inclusion of six month monitoring results

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Lead	No	Action	Date	Progress			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		b) Dales is a suitable holiday destination for people with disabilities; survey the rights of way network to identify those suitable to be developed for 'access for all'	Mar	On course	Rescheduled	Postponed <sup>11</sup>	-
		c) analyse and report the survey results	Mar	On course	On course	Postponed <sup>11</sup>	-
		d) undertake 2 projects to improve access for people with specific mobility or sight impairment needs;	Mar	On course	On course	On course	-
JA	36.	Further the Authority's aims in restricting the use of routes by recreational vehicles;					
		a) evaluate effectiveness of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders and develop the Authority's approach to the management of motorised vehicular use of green lanes	Jun	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
		b) in conjunction with ANPA and CNP, lobby for changes in legislation	Sep	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-
		c) identify sensitive routes and appropriate management techniques;	Mar	On course	Rescheduled	Postponed <sup>12</sup>	-
		d) contribute to NYCC Green Lanes Liaison Group;	Mar	On course	On course	On course	-
		e) discuss and agree management solutions with Cumbria CC	Mar	On course	On course	Postponed <sup>12</sup>	-
KB	37.	Review and update the rights of way delegation agreement with the county councils to take account of recent changes in legislation.	Jan	Rescheduled	On course	Postponed <sup>13</sup>	-
KB	38.	Keep the definitive map under continuous review:					
		a) submit a minimum of 4 opposed orders for determination by the Secretary of State;	Nov	On course	Revised	<b>Achieved</b>	-
		b) produce a digital definitive map of the Richmondshire area of the National Park;	Mar	On course	On course	Postponed <sup>14</sup>	-
		c) open 25 order cases;	Mar	On course	On course	On course	-
		d) 15 order-making decisions	Mar	On course	On course	On course	-
AR	39.	Contribute to the Yorkshire Dales Sustainable Travel partnership; which will:					
		a) agree and contribute to the provision of public transport services to and within the National Park;	Apr	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
		b) develop a 'through-ticketing' pilot scheme;	Mar	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-
		c) promote recreational opportunities that are integrated with public transport;	Mar	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
AR	40.	Appoint a Sustainable Travel Project Officer in partnership with Yorkshire Forward who will:					
		a) produce 2 cycle information websites;	Jun	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
		b) develop a sub regional cycle tourism strategy	Mar	On course	On course	On course	-
		c) provide secretariat support to Yorkshire Dales Sustainable Travel Partnership	Mar	On course	On course	On course	-
		d) assist 6 businesses to provide high quality cycling facilities	Mar	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-

<sup>11</sup> Volunteers unable to complete surveys by 2005/06 year end.

<sup>12</sup> Member working group established to develop approach pending TRO powers for delivery in 2006/07

<sup>13</sup> PDF item April 06, to review principles of agreements in 2006/07

<sup>14</sup> Further progress is postponed until 'positional accuracy improvement' is applied to the corporate GIS base map to bring it up to date.

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Lead	No	Action	Date	Progress			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
AR	41.	Evaluate the effectiveness of the 'Target 2' Project	Jun	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
AR	42.	Contribute to the development of the new Local Transport Plan	Jul	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
AR	43.	Update the Yorkshire Dales Advisory Road Hierarchy in consultation with the Highway Authorities and Highway Agency	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
JRL	44.	Promote the involvement of Dales Volunteers in projects, which achieve national park purposes:					
		a) develop the volunteering 'page' of the Authority website, including an intranet or talk group facility for existing Dales Volunteers	Sep	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
		b) investigate and identify options for further involvement of new audiences, including young people	Sep	Revised	Postponed	-	-
	c) provide 400 volunteer days supporting Open Access Implementation.	Mar	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-	
AH	45.	Implement and develop the Area Actions programme:					
		a) undertake a comprehensive review, linking to other consultation processes;	Mar	On course	Rescheduled	Revised <sup>15</sup>	
	b) implement 10 small-scale community projects identified through the process.	Mar	On course	On course	On course		
AH	46.	Manage the Dales Apprenticeship Scheme:					
		a) provide 3 apprenticeship placements as part of broader YDMT scheme;	Dec	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
	b) work with YDMT to secure funding to continue and expand the programme.	Dec	On course	On course	Rescheduled <sup>16</sup>		
<b>PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING</b>							
CK	47.	Complete year two of the Countryside Agency funded 'Beyond the Boundary' diversity project					
		a) evaluate success of first year activities;	Jun	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
		b) formally launch the video;	Jul	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
		c) recruit and train community researchers;	Aug	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
	d) complete a programme of cricket matches twinning Bradford teams and Dales teams.	Oct	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-	
CK	48.	Develop principles for NPA involvement in community outreach work based on Keighley model	Feb	On course	On course	On course	
KT	49.	Work in partnership with North York Moors NPA to carry out a media and Tourist Information Centre campaign to increase understanding amongst prospective visitors in Vale of York and Teesside.	Dec	On course	Postponed	-	-
CB	50.	Deliver YDNPA input for year one of the Council for National Parks 'Mosaic Partnership'.					
		a) assist with team recruitment	May	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-

<sup>15</sup> Review has been completed but decisions on the future will be considered as part of a wider plan for community consultation in 2006/07.

<sup>16</sup> Rescheduled to March 2006 because still awaiting decision on funding application.

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				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		b) engage with five community champions from under-represented groups within the YDNP catchment	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
		c) represent YDNPA on the steering group	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
BW	51.	Increase awareness of the National Park amongst visiting education groups:					
		a) ensure all education organisations in the National Park catchment area have received curriculum support for National Park projects;	Dec	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
		b) update the Authority's education strategy	Feb	On course	On course	On course	
BW	52.	Work with DfES to 'develop programmes and initiatives to promote greater understanding among a wider audience, including those from urban areas, ethnic minorities and young people' (Pullen Recommendation 15):					
		a) work with DfES to develop manifesto to deliver education aspects of recommendation	Mar	On course	Rescheduled	On course	
		b) develop YDNPA action plan to deliver all aspects of recommendation	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
BW	53.	Work in partnership with YDMT to deliver year one of 'Learning in Limestone Country' project, providing outreach activities in Lancashire, Craven and West Yorkshire.	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
JB	54.	Improve the effectiveness of National Park Centres:					
		a) establish the new partnership arrangements at Sedbergh NPC	Dec	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
		b) carry out full redevelopment at Aysgarth NPC	Feb	On course	On course	On course	
		c) evaluate effectiveness of new partnership at Sedbergh	Mar	On course	On course	Postponed <sup>17</sup>	-
JB	55.	Evaluate effectiveness of NPC and PIP network in line with national Minimum Service Standards	Mar	On course	Rescheduled	<b>Achieved</b>	-
JB	56.	Establish a central telephone link for all visitor telephone enquiries	Nov	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
JB	57.	Set targets for levels of tourism providers offering a sustainable tourism product for achievement by 2010	Dec	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
JB	58.	Obtain detailed information about visitors to the National Park:					
		a) assist ANPA to complete the 'England Day Visitor Survey' (EDVS):	Dec	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
		b) complete additional local surveys to complement EDVS	Dec	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
KT	59.	Increase visitors to Authority website:					
		a) update all search engine information to maximise use of NPA website	Feb	Rescheduled	On course	On course	
		b) launch new and restructured Authority website to link into the new nationalportal site	Dec	Rescheduled	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
SN	60.	Publish and distribute two issues of Dales newspaper for NP residents; publish 220,000 copies of 'The Visitor' newspaper	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
KG	61.	Evaluate effectiveness of interpretation to promote understanding and draw up a baseline in line with interpretation strategy	Mar	Rescheduled	On course	On course	

<sup>17</sup> Sedbergh evaluation will take place in 2006, when Book Town Centre has completed the necessary training and worked a full season in new role.

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				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
KS	62.	Work with partners to produce a single programme of events for the National Park	Mar	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
KT	63.	Develop a brand for both YDNP and YDNPA which can be used across all areas of the Authority's work including retail services, tourism services, signage and publications	Jan	On course	Postponed	-	-
<b>DEVELOPMENT CONTROL</b>							
AMc	64.	Publish a Farm Buildings Design Guide: a) carry out public consultation on a draft Farm Buildings Design Guide b) formally adopt the Farm Buildings Design Guide as Supplementary Planning Guidance	Nov Feb	Rescheduled Rescheduled	On course On course	Rescheduled <sup>18</sup> Postponed <sup>19</sup>	-
AMc	65.	Improve performance on enforcement issues by: a) recruiting 2 enforcement officers b) taking action to resolve 50% of cases within 16 weeks	Jul Mar	<b>Achieved</b> On course	- On course	- On course	-
AMc	66.	Determine 60% of 'minor' applications and 70% of other application within 8 weeks	Mar	On course	Postponed	-	-
DW	67.	Integrate the computerised planning system with the Authority's Geographical Information System to allow electronic consultation on applications	Mar	N/C	N/C	Postponed <sup>20</sup>	-
PW	68.	Set targets for completing s106 planning agreements, Tree Preservation Orders, and issuing of planning enforcement notices	Jul	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
PW	69.	Offer all Parish Councils a Planning Officer liaison meeting	Jun	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
SS	70.	Digitise all necessary planning department data to improve access to information and speed up consultation procedures: a) complete tendering procedures; b) digitise records back to 1974	Jun Oct	<b>Achieved</b> N/C	- <b>Achieved</b>	- -	- -
<b>FORWARD PLANNING</b>							
PS	71.	Provide an up-to-date development framework: a) produce Supplementary Planning Guidance on local needs housing; b) adopt the revised Local Plan; c) produce a 'Statement of Community Involvement' for the Local Development Framework (LDF) d) incorporate Development Control Procedures into revised Local Plan	Mar Mar Mar Mar	Rescheduled Rescheduled Rescheduled Rescheduled	Revised On course On course Revised	On course On course On course On course	

<sup>18</sup> Rescheduled to February – priority given to application performance

<sup>19</sup> Postponed to May – priority given to application performance

<sup>20</sup> Postponed to Dec 06 to to give priority to meeting Pendleton Criteria.

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Lead	No	Action	Date	Progress			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		e) produce Evidence Report to support review of and waste policy f) produce LDF proposals maps g) produce paper on LDF allocations	Mar Oct Oct	Rescheduled Rescheduled Rescheduled	Revised Postponed Postponed	On course - -	- - -
PJB	72.	Through the Sustainable Development Fund provide support to at least 15 new projects.	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
GS	73.	Work with Yorkshire Forward and Craven District Council to develop long-term arrangements for supporting sustainable economic development based on the environmental assets of the Craven area.	Nov	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
PJB	74.	Provide support for appropriate socio-economic initiatives through the work of the North Yorkshire Partnership Unit.	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
PS	75.	Along with partner organisations, contribute to the implementation of the 'Key Worker' housing proposals, including a) defining 'key workers', and the criteria to identify need; b) agreeing an approach to housing surveys	Mar Nov	Rescheduled <b>Achieved</b>	Rescheduled -	On course -	- -
GS	76.	Undertake a programme of activity to review and update the National Park Management Plan: a) publish an updated State of the Park report and use it to identify key trends and priorities for the National Park. b) complete formal consultation with stakeholders and the public c) produce final draft of updated Management Plan	Jan Mar Mar	Rescheduled Rescheduled On course	On course Rescheduled Revised	On course Revised <sup>21</sup> Revised <sup>21</sup>	
PJB	77.	Make detailed census data for the National Park available to the public on the Authority's website	Aug	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
<b>CORPORATE AND DEMOCRATIC CORE FUNCTIONS</b>							
RB	78.	Support and empower staff to provide professional, positive and proactive service to the public: a) analyse results of the Authority's staff survey and produce an action plan to implement necessary changes	May	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
RB		b) develop a Human Resources Strategy, taking into account the findings of the staff survey and liP assessment;	Nov	Rescheduled	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	
SMT		c) implement all agreed actions from the staff survey.	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
RB	79.	Review the provision of Support Services within the Authority	Jan	On course	On course	On course	
GS	80.	Implement the provisions of the National Park Authority Performance Assessment regime: a) complete a self-assessment of the Authority's performance;	Sep	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-

<sup>21</sup> New timetable agreed with project steering group to complete initial consultation with key stakeholders and prepare first full draft by March prior to public consultation.

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Lead	No	Action	Date	Progress			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		b) peer review of the Authority's performance c) produce a prioritised improvement plan and use it to target resources in the 06/07 budget	Nov Jan	On course On course	<b>Achieved</b> Rescheduled	- Rescheduled <sup>22</sup>	-
GS	81.	Work with DEFRA and its statutory agencies to establish the remit and role of National Park Authorities in the provision of services and grant aid under the government's 'Modernising Rural Delivery' programme.	Mar	On course	On course	On course	
KT	82.	Complete the installation of a new interactive website, providing public access to the Authority's services, and an Intranet facility to improve internal handling of information and records	Dec	On course	Rescheduled	<b>Achieved</b>	-
SF	83.	Complete arrangements for electronic delivery of all appropriate services, including: a) creating a Wide Area Network for main office premises b) installing new communications media, including an e-mail system and telephone network c) achieving service-specific delivery targets as defined by government.	Apr	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
SF			Nov	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-
SF			Dec	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
RB	84.	Move the storage of the Authority's active records (inc. Planning Files and the Sites & Monuments Record) to an off-site or electronic data storage facility, which supports public access.	Dec	On course	Rescheduled	<b>Achieved</b>	-
PD	85.	Manage the range of Authority buildings: a) develop a consistent policy-led approach for managing the Authority's buildings and other property. b) review DDA works to ensure continuing adequacy and appropriateness	May	<b>Achieved</b>	-	-	-
PD			Dec	On course	On course	<b>Achieved</b>	-
PD	86.	Expand and improve provision of Authority services through its main premises: a) complete construction of new office in Bainbridge; b) relocate services into new premises at Bainbridge; c) review accommodation requirements and issues at Grassington offices and develop proposals for dealing with the results by March	Jan	On course	Rescheduled	On course	
PD			Jan	On course	Rescheduled	On course	
PD			Mar	Revised	On course	On course	
GS	87.	Implement actions necessary to achieve Level 1 of the 'Equality Standard', including: a) formulate and adopt a comprehensive equality policy covering race, gender and disability; b) review all written policies to ensure they are in line with current equality legislation.	Mar	Rescheduled	Rescheduled	On course	
			Jan	Rescheduled	Postponed	-	-

<sup>22</sup> Overall scope of improvement plan agreed in January. Priorities for action in 2006/07 will be agreed at NPA meeting in March.