

Date: 27 May 2008

Report: REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ENGAGEMENTS

1. Since the last meeting of the Authority, the Chief Executive has been involved in the following:-

(a) **Media**

- A meeting with the new Editor of The Craven Herald to discuss the National Park Authority's role in the community and current issues.

(b) **Events**

- Along with the Chairman, attended the Ministerial Climate Change Seminar in London (paper attached as part of today's agenda – see member feedback).
- Along with a number of members, attended the funeral of the Authority's former member, Peter Walbank.
- Attended a dinner with the Management Boards of Defra and Natural England to discuss the state of the current relationship with National Park Authorities, ie what is going well/less well.
- Along with the Chairman, a workshop to discuss the accreditation of the NPA for the Europarc Charter for Sustainable Tourism.
- Presented a paper on English NPA Performance Management at a Europarc event held at Vilm, Germany, to discuss performance management/ effectiveness in protected areas.
- Hosted a visit from Pam Warhurst, the NPA's representative on the Natural England Board, to discuss the Authority's current initiatives and programme on tackling climate change, and an update on the state of our current relationship with Natural England.
- Hosted an event for members of the Clergy, representing the north of the National Park, on the Authority's role, responsibilities and current work.
- Along with Chairman, hosted a dinner for delegates from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) who were attending a 3-day seminar/workshop on Category V National Parks in Northern England.
- Held a briefing session for the 2 new Secretary of State appointments – Mr Armitage and Mr Charlesworth.
- The retirement `do' of the Authority's Contracts Manager, Mrs Joyce Whitley, leaving after 21 years service.
- A visit from Pam Warhurst to look at `projects' in the National Park. This included Gayle Mill and Craven Limeworks. There was also a meeting with the Senior Management Team to discuss current issues.
- The retirement `do' of the Authority's Policy and Liaison Officer, Mr Phil Brown, leaving after 34 years service.

- A seminar held by the Government Office on the implementation of the Sub-National Review.

(c) **Meetings**

- The new Chief Executive of the Lake District NPA to discuss a number of matters including: the National Park relationship with Natural England, performance management in National Park Authorities and 'being a Chief Executive!'
- The English National Park Officers Group where the following issues were discussed: the follow-up to the Ministerial Climate Change Seminar, the Annual Finance Meeting with Defra, the impact of the Sub-National Review on National Park Authorities, next steps for the Climate Change Working Group, the Defra 'Deal', the National Park Circular, the Aggregates Levy Review, Defra PSA Delivery Plan and the annual sponsorship meetings.
- The DCM Working Group to discuss the withdrawal of the NYCC grant.
- Two meetings involving the Chief Executives of Craven, Harrogate and Richmondshire to discuss the current performance and direction of the Tourism Partnership.
- Along with Mr Blackie, a meeting with Richard Flinton, the new Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance and Partnerships) at North Yorkshire County Council to welcome him to his new role! and discuss the withdrawal of the NYCC grant at DCM.
- The National Park Management Plan Steering Group to discuss progress on the implementation of the plan (separate paper on today's agenda).
- Chaired the meeting of the UK NPA Joint Improvement Group where the following were discussed: the revised National Park Authority Performance Assessment (NPAPA), the revised National Park Performance Indicators, National Park Profiles and Defra reporting requirements.
- A discussion with Craven District Council officers regarding the future management/programme of the LSP's 'One Planet Living' Working Group.
- Yorkshire Forward to discuss the future programme of work/climate change.
- The Chief Executive's appraisal.
- The Craven 'One Planet Living' Working Group (agenda not determined at the time of writing this paper).
- A discussion with Mr Harrison-Topham regarding future waste management collection in the National Park. This has been identified as an 'emerging issue' as the NPA has had a number of approaches from residents/parish councils regarding the impact of the new fortnightly collections on the town/village scape of the National Park.

ISSUES FOR MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION

ANPA Conference 2008

2. The Lake District National Park Authority is hosting the ANPA Conference this year. It will be held at the Low Wood Hotel on the shore of Windermere from 17-19 September 2008.

3. The conference theme is *'Inspirational Landscapes – Aspirational Communities'*. The intention is to celebrate the relationship between our landscapes, the communities that shape them and the businesses that contribute to their prosperity and to explore the challenges and opportunities facing all National Park Authorities in aspiring to a sustainable economic future.

4. The Authority's 'agreed' member representation is six members - Chairman, Deputy Chairman plus one from each "Group" and this year the organisers are keen to remind delegates that they are welcome and encouraged to take along their partners.

5. Costs (excluding VAT) are:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Full rate (Wed-Fri)	£495	
Partner rate (Wed-Fri)	£200	

Recommendation:

6. That a delegation of six members be selected to represent the Authority at the 2008 ANPA Conference, attendance to be an approved duty.

Grassington Moor Management Association

7. Cecil Hammond, who recently ceased to be a member of the Authority, represented the Authority on the Grassington Moor Management Association. The purpose of the Association is to protect Commoners and other rights, the maintenance of the Common and the promotion of proper standards of livestock husbandry.

8. The next meeting of the Association is due to be held 31 July and members are asked to consider the appointment of a replacement representative.

Recommendation:

9. That a member be appointed to represent the Authority on the Grassington Moor Management Association.

ISSUES FOR MEMBERS TO NOTE

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership Executive

10. **Attached** is a note of the first meeting of the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP) Executive. It was held in Northallerton on 10 April 2008, and as members will see from the note, covered some important (if rather dry!) issues.

11. The importance of the Partnership to the National Park Authority is in relation to the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy for North Yorkshire and its leading role in delivery of the Local Area Agreement. However, the Executive will be involved in a

number of other issues and members will note from the appendix that the next meeting, in September, will focus on affordable housing and alcohol policy.

Compulsory Planning Training

12. Following concerns expressed by my members regarding the lack of notice regarding member training events, can I ask members to note that the Compulsory Planning Training will take place this year on 3 and 23 October 2008. I would be grateful if members could note this in their diaries.

Europarc Conference 2008

13. The 2008 Europarc Conference is to be held on 24-28 September, in Brasov, Romania, with the following theme: "High conservation values, high management standards".

14. The Authority will be represented by the Chairman and Chief Executive.

David Butterworth
Chief Executive

Background documents: None
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North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership – Executive Key Messages from the meeting on 10 April 2008

The first meeting of the **North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP) Executive** to be held since the Partnership was restructured took place at County Hall, Northallerton, on Thursday 10th April 2008. The meeting was chaired by John Marsden, Chief Executive of North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC).

The role of the NYSP Executive (formerly the Combined NYSP Steering Group & LAA Management Group Meeting) is to ensure that the priorities of the Partnership are taken forward. It comprises the Chief Executives of the eight local authorities and two national park authorities; senior representatives of North Yorkshire Police, York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce, North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service and North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations; the Chairs of the six NYSP Thematic Partnerships; and an observer from Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber.

The Executive received an update on the revised NYSP structure and agreed Terms of Reference for future meetings. They also reviewed the **13th March 2008 meeting of the NYSP Partnership** and its outcomes. It was agreed that this first meeting of the Partnership since the restructuring of the NYSP had been a very positive start, with various good discussions and contributions from those who attended.

It was noted that following approval of the **Sustainable Community Strategy for North Yorkshire 2008/18 (SCS)** at the March 2008 NYSP Partnership meeting, the SCS will now go to a full meeting of NYCC on the 21st May 2008 for approval and sign off. It will subsequently be published in tandem with the approved Local Area Agreement.

An update was received on the **NYSP Equalities Task Group**. Two action learning sets commenced as planned in January 2008, focussing on the impact of current migration from East and Central Europe. The Task Group will be focussing on such issues as development of a Welcome Pack and a key area of work will be the formulation of a strategy for inward migration and community cohesion. The draft strategy will be circulated to key partners in May/June and will come to the next NYSP Executive meeting for review in June 2008. For further information contact Neil Irving at neil.irving@northyorks.gov.uk.

An update was received on the joint approach to **Data Sharing and Information Management**, following on from the last Executive meeting. Work has been completed to review the needs of all partners in this area and how a single information hub could be developed. The feedback will now be considered by the North Yorkshire and York Data Sharing & Information Group. Proposals will then go to the York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum before coming back for discussion at the next meeting of the

NYSP Executive in June 2008. For further information contact hugh.williamson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Updates were presented on performance monitoring and funding for Quarter 3 for the **Local Area Agreement (or "LAA1")**. Overall, it was noted that the LAA1 is progressing well and that partners are working together well to progress outcomes. It was agreed that where concerns were raised over specific targets and carry forward of funding, these need to be addressed by the relevant Thematic Partnership lead, with updates back to the NYSP Executive on progress. It was noted that few changes have been made to the draft **Local Area Agreement 2008/11** (or "LAA2") since the NYSP partnership meeting in March and the negotiation process with Government Office for Yorkshire and Humber is well advanced. For information on LAA1/LAA2 contact hugh.williamson@northyorks.gov.uk.

The **NYSP website** will shortly be updated to reflect the revised NYSP structure, to include copies of all relevant papers from recent NYSP meetings – see www.nysp.org.uk. The Executive agreed that the website should continue as a resource for information-sharing amongst NYSP partners and stakeholders and for promoting NYSP activities.

The Executive agreed that the **next NYSP Partnership meeting** (11th September 2008) will focus on Alcohol and Affordable Housing as key cross-cutting priorities. Subsequent Partnership meetings will each take one or two other of the SCS priorities as their focus. Each of the Thematic Partnerships will also provide a brief written summary of their progress. It was also agreed that the meeting will take an item on community policing, vigilance and extremism, looking at what is happening in this area and how the NYSP Partnership could add value.

Planning has begun for this year's **NYSP Wider Partnership Conference**, which will be taking place on the morning of Friday, 17th October 2008 at the Pavilions, Harrogate. The Executive agreed that a key aim should be to invite as many agencies as possible to participate and that the conference workshops will be grouped around the ten key priorities of the SCS.

The NYSP Executive agreed that, where possible, the location of future meetings will alternate between Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough and County Hall, Northallerton.

Dates for the Diary:

Next NYSP Executive meeting: 26th June 2008 @ 2:30pm, Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough.

Wider Partnership Conference: 17th October 2008, Pavilions, Harrogate.

There will also be a NYSP Partnership meeting on 11th September 2008 at 2:30pm at County Hall, Northallerton.

For further information about any aspect of these key messages and the work of the NYSP please contact diane.parsons@northyorks.gov.uk.