Key: (p): postponed from 2025/26; (pp): postponed from before 2025/26; C: critical action **Annex**

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1.	**Priority: Support farmers and landowners to restore or create 500 hectares of new wildlife-rich habitats outside protected sites by 2030 (from a 2022 baseline)**		
1.1	Through the FIPL and farm advice teams support and promote applications to FiPL, SFI and Higher Tier schemes that create or restore 50 ha of new wildlife rich habitat	Mar	C
1.2	Through the Wildlife Rich Habitat Fund invest at least £900,000 in grants to support projects that create or restore priority habitat in the National Park	Mar	C
2.	**Priority: Support farmers and landowners to restore and manage landscape-scale mosaics of semi-natural habitat in one 'nature recovery area' ('Tees-Swale') and develop similar initiatives for at least 2 additional areas by 2030**		
2.1	Complete the final year of the Tees Swale Programme and produce a report on its legacy	Sep	
2.2	Complete pre–development of the 'Jewels of the Dales' project, including activity to increase opportunities to engage diverse audiences, and prepare a development phase application for submission to NLHF	Mar	C
2.3	Work with partners and the farming community to develop a Landscape Recovery project in Littondale in preparation for a funding application	Mar	C
2.4	Work with partners to complete the pre-development phase of the proposed Coast to Coast nature trail project, including developing the engagement aspects of the future bid	Mar	
3.	**Priority: Ensure that recovery plans are in place and being implemented for all 'priority wildlife species' by 2030**		
3.1	Assist the Biodiversity Forum in developing six species recovery plans	Mar	C
3.2	Implement a bat monitoring programme	Mar	
4.	**Work with farmers, landowners to improve the condition of rivers – including significantly reducing diffuse pollution from farming through the Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) programme**		
4.1	Run the CSF partnership, including 4 events on methods of reducing diffuse pollution and 1:1 support on soils, and work with 30 farmers to support uptake of SFI options and capital grants	Mar	C

Resilient and responsive to the impacts of climate change, storing more carbon each year than it produces

5.	**Priority: Work with farmers and landowners to encourage creation of 600 ha of native broadleaf and mixed woodland, including, scrub, wood pasture and natural regeneration by 2031, to create a network that increases resilience to climate change and reduce downstream flood peaks**		
5.1	With the White Rose Forest create at least 30 ha of native woodland	Mar	C
5.2	Work closely with WRF and YDMT to develop a collaborative approach to woodland creation and establishment through Trees for Climate 2	Mar	
5.3	Complete a review of the lessons learned from the 'Grow Back Greener' woodland creation programme	Nov	
6.	**Priority: Work with farmers and landowners to support food production through the use of regenerative farming practices, working with natural processes, across at least 40 farm holdings (c6,000 ha) by 2028**		
6.1	Develop and launch a YDNP regenerative farming project which will support at least 10 farms in its first year with their conversion to regenerative farming practices through advice and grant funding	Mar	C

A friendly open and welcoming place with outstanding opportunities to enjoy its special qualities

7.	**Priority: Manage and maintain the standard of all public rights of way, so that, on average, 90% remain 'easy to use'**		
7.1	Agree the required specification for a new GIS-based, Access and RoW monitoring database	Oct	
7.2	Review delegation agreement with Westmorland & Furness Council	Dec	C
7.3	Carry out repairs to bridges at: Smither Gill (Winterburn); Coppy Gill (Selside); Reeth Suspension; and, Tommy Bridge (Dent)	Dec	C
7.4	Review all people counters to assess their purpose, location, performance, and value, and produce a recommendation for future monitoring of public rights of way and green lanes	Dec	
7.5	Carry out repair works across the National Park so that on average 90% of routes are 'easy to use'	Mar	C
8.	**Priority: Create 5 new 'miles without stiles' routes that are suitable for a diverse range of ages and abilities**		
8.1	Audit all Miles without Stiles routes and produce a costed plan for improving existing routes and developing new routes (p)	Jul	C

8.2	As part of the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) funded Access to Eden project, create a 1.5km 'Miles without Stiles' route at Smardale (pp)	Sep	C
8.3	Produce a costed scheme for a Miles without Stiles route from Kettlewell to Buckden	Sep	
8.4	Complete phase 2 of the Cross Keys accessible trail project, carrying out works to improve 640m of bridleway and enhancing the road verge area (p)	Sep	C
8.5	Accessibility enhancements from Burnsall to Hebden Suspension Bridge via Loop Scar	Dec	
8.6	Investigate a new Miles without Stiles route from Linton car park to Linton Church and stepping stones	Dec	
8.7	Through the Access to Eden Project, work with diverse range of community and user groups to develop 'sensory trails' at Smardale and Podgil	Mar	
9.	**Priority: By 2030 work with 150 community groups to co-design activity days, support and training to help people from under-served communities to experience the special qualities of the National Park more easily**		
9.1	Create VR experiences that increase access to the National Park's special qualities	Dec	
9.2	Review 'Special Qualities, Special Experiences' strategy	Jan	
9.3	Co-design activity days, support and training to enable at least 23 new community groups through externally funded projects such as Jewels of the Dales and Access to Eden	Mar	C
9.4	Work in partnership with the National Trust to pilot activities to connect and engage people with the Heart of the Dales Landscape Recovery Scheme area	Mar	C
9.5	Develop a 'Landscape for Everyone' strategy that strengthens opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience, learn about and care for the National Park	Mar	
10.	**Priority: Provide curriculum-based outdoor learning and skills-based activities to enable 3,000 young people from in and around the National Park to explore and take action to enhance their environment each year, and embed youth participation in the work of the Authority and the National Park Management Plan Partnership**		
10.1	Hold a Skills Fair to introduce young people from under-served communities to volunteering and employment opportunities in the green sector	Jul	
10.2	Act as lead Authority for the NPUK bid to the UK Fund for the 'Our Natural Futures' project to increase the diversity and scale of youth participation in National Parks	Dec	C

10.3	Provide outdoor learning and skills-based activities to 2,300 young people, including through projects such as Dales House Birds	Mar	C
10.4	Support 'Ambassador Schools' to embed National Park outdoor learning and environmental education in their curriculum, enabling at least one school to plan an independent visit	Mar	
10.5	Run heritage-based activities for 700 young people at the Dales Countryside Museum	Mar	C
10.6	Develop a climate change curriculum (p) and work with the Woodland Trust to develop climate-based educational resources for schools and groups to engage with the Woodland Trust site at Snaizeholme	Mar	
11.	**Priority: Help to tackle health inequalities and improve people's health and well-being by enabling at least 1,500 people with health conditions to connect with and experience the special qualities of the National Park through 'social prescribing' activities by 2030**		
11.1	Extend the 'Natural Health Service for North Yorkshire pilot', running a 10-week programme of green social prescribing activities for adults experiencing mental and physical health challenges, low levels of physical activity, and social isolation	Mar	C
11.2	Develop and run a programme of 'Breath of Fresh Air' Walks for 120 people providing accessible, regular, guided walks starting from gateway towns and communities with good public transport links	Mar	
11.3	Develop a National Park Nature Prescription Calendar for young people and families	Mar	
12.	**Give people from all backgrounds an opportunity to enjoy and contribute to looking after the National Park by providing at least 5,000 volunteer days per year, with at least 20% coming from under-served communities by 2029**		
12.1	Review volunteer policy and practice, developing a more proactive approach to increasing volunteering diversity, delivering a wide range of accessible opportunities for volunteering (p)	Jul	
12.2	Carry out a Member-led Performance Review of the volunteering service	Nov	
12.3	Support the CNPFE Community Champions to provide their volunteer community walk programme	Dec	
12.4	Offer opportunities for 800 volunteer days for young people aged 13–25, through supported programmes such as Young Creatives, Young Rangers, Young Rangers in Schools, and Up Skill Down Dale	Mar	
13.	**Enhance at least five 'green lanes' by 2030 and manage use by recreational motor vehicles and motorcycles - encouraging and supporting responsible use.**		
13.1	With North Yorkshire Council, carry out 1,350m of route enhancement works on the following green lanes: Turbary Rd, Cam High Road, Stake Road, Busk Lane, Heugh and Morpeth Gate	Dec	

13.2	Collect data and conduct a walk over of Ravenstonedale Moor and the Highway (North) and produce an annual report on green lane usage and management	Mar	
13.3	With the support of North Yorkshire Police, lead on 'Operation Byway' in the Northern area of the National Park, providing positive education and enforcement work on green lanes	Mar	
14.	**Manage and promote the Pennine Way, Pennine Bridleway and Coast-to-Coast National Trails and other established long-distance routes, and improve linkages from the Coast-to-Coast route to 5 nearby settlements by 2030.**		
14.1	Carry out works and enhancements for the establishment of the Westmorland and Furness Way through the National Park	Jun	
14.2	Establish the new Coast to Coast Path National Trail Partnership, with YDNPA as lead authority	Sep	
14.3	Repair 1,850m of engineered routes on the Three Peaks, including routes at Beecroft and Grain Ings	Sep	
14.4	Repair section of the Pennine Way at Foss Gill, Airton	Sep	
14.5	With partner organisations, review the Pennine National Trails Delivery Framework	Dec	
14.6	Create and sign a link route from Orton to the Coast-to-Coast Path	Dec	

A distinctive living, working cultural landscape that tells the story of generations of people interacting with their environment

15.	**Priority: Support farmers and landowners to enhance the Dales' landscape, and support nature, climate and farming resilience, including planting field trees to mitigate the impact of ash dieback on tree cover outside woodlands, and creating or restoring 20 km of hedgerows by 2028 (from a 2022 baseline).**		
15.1	Work with the Woodland Trust and partners to submit a bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for an Ancient Woodland revival project	Jul	
15.2	Complete a light-touch review of the Dales Woodland Strategy (p)	Sep	
15.3	With YDMT, FoBNL and Lune Rivers Trust, submit a full development phase bid to NLHF for the 'Three Counties, One River' project, focused on nature recovery and improving people's access to nature in the middle and lower Lune catchment	Nov	C

15.4	Work with land managers and through the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust to support the planting of 200 in-field trees	Mar	
15.5	Work with land managers and local community groups to support the creation and restoration of 2,500m of hedgerow	Mar	C
16.	**Maintain the National Park as a place where a true sense of tranquillity and remoteness can still be found, including taking action to retain international 'Dark Sky Reserve' status**		
16.1	Co-ordinate data collection, prepare and submit the Dark Sky annual report to Dark Sky International	Jan	
17.	**Support farmers and landowners to conserve and enhance the distinctive landscape of field barns and drystone walls, so that at least one of the Barns and Walls Conservation Areas (Swaledale & Arkengarthdale and Littondale) is no longer at risk**		
17.1	Carry out an appraisal of the Littondale Conservation Area and publish a final draft for consultation	Mar	
17.2	Restore 5 traditional barns in the two B&W Conservation Areas using FIPL funding	Mar	
18.	**Help local people to record, restore, repair and – where possible - bring back into use historical sites, buildings and features**		
18.1	Work with Historic England and specialist contractors to complete enhancement of the Historic Environment Record for the Westmorland Dales, using LiDAR and aerial photography (pp)	Sep	
18.2	Investigate with Natural England whether restricting public access to Victoria Cave would improve the condition of the SSSI feature; and determine an appropriate management response	Dec	
18.3	Undertake early-stage development work with Yorkshire Peat Partnership for Historic Environment projects in the delivery stage of the Ure Dales LRP	Mar	
18.4	Develop and submit a bid to NLHF for a community archaeology project focused on the historic landscape of the Ingleborough area	Mar	

Providing an outstanding range of benefits for the nation based on its natural resources, landscape and cultural heritage, which underpin a flourishing local economy

19.	**Priority: Provide an efficient development management service that supports appropriate opportunities for economic and community development whilst helping to conserve and enhance the special qualities of the National Park, including ensuring that 65% of minor and 80% of 'other' planning applications are being determined within eight weeks and at least 80% of applicants are satisfied with the service provided**		
19.1	Publish a new Design Guide to support policies in the new Local Plan, and promote its use	Jul	
19.2	Determine at least 65% of 'minor' and 80% of 'other' planning applications within eight weeks or the time limit agreed with the applicant	Mar	C
20.	**Priority: Establish an integrated National Park farm advisory service to: support regenerative farming; increase take-up of national agri-environment schemes and green finance opportunities; and so, support the viability and retention of low input livestock farming across the National Park**		
20.1	Review resource and skills within current farm team to inform the establishment of a fully skilled service	Jun	
20.2	With North Yorkshire Combined Authority and other partners, submit a bid to Defra's Collaboration Fund for an upland farm advice 'Pathfinder'	Mar	C
21.	**Priority: Make the National Park more accessible to a diverse range of ages and abilities, including by providing 4 locations that all have 'Changing Places' accessible toilet facilities, all terrain mobility scooters, and 'miles without stiles' routes**		
21.1	Develop a fully designed and costed scheme for a Tramper route from Grassington Visitor Centre and install at least one Tramper on site	Sep	C
21.2	Work with Yorkshire Water to investigate visitor access improvements at Grimwith and Embsay reservoirs	Nov	
21.3	Install an accessible toilet at Linton and investigate the feasibility of installing a Changing Place at Clapham and Aysgarth	Dec	C
21.4	Investigate options for an accessible link from Malham village to the Landscape Trail	Mar	
21.5	Introduce new ways to make the DCM collection and themes more accessible for visitors with a visual impairment	Mar	

22.	**Encourage and support farms and estates to provide more opportunities for visitors and schools groups to experience the special qualities of the National Park, including establishing a 'peer mentoring' network to help build capacity by 2029.**		
22.1	Conduct an audit of farms and estates in the National Park to map existing school and community engagement provision, identify facilities and training needs, and highlight geographic and capability gaps	Mar	
23.	**Develop and promote events and attractions based on the special qualities of the National Park that will be attractive to a new, more diverse and younger audience, so that 15% of visitors each year are coming for the first time.**		
23.1	Deliver the externally funded Art Fund Going Places programme, working with Young Creatives group to highlight the importance of outdoor spaces through a co-curated exhibition to be toured in 2026	Dec	
23.2	Run 20 events for families at DCM to introduce the heritage of the National Park to a younger audience	Mar	
24.	**Improve the quality, sustainability and accessibility of the tourism 'offer' and information to encourage visitors to stay overnight, come 'out of season', and experience parts of the National Park that are currently less visited, so that the value of tourism grows by at least 5% in real terms by 2030.**		
24.1	Complete the commission to plan and re-design National Park Authority car parks, including enhanced EV charging, blue badge capacity and increased capacity overall	Aug	
24.2	Run the annual Cheese Festival	Oct	
24.3	Run the annual Dark Skies Festival to highlight the importance of the National Park's Dark Sky Reserve status, including two events at DCM and supporting two businesses to develop new events.	Feb	
24.4	Develop and deliver a YDNPA 'Welcoming Place Food Toolkit' and training for tourism businesses	Mar	
25.	**By 2030 provide at least 15 apprenticeships or traineeships, and wider programmes of training in land management, heritage and green skills, including the new skills needed by businesses to support more nature-friendly farming and tackle climate change**		
25.1	Recruit and support Youth Engagement Trainee and seek to appoint Countryside Worker apprentice	Mar	

Home to strong, self-reliant and balanced communities with good access to the services they need

26.	**Grant sufficient planning permissions (around 75) each year to support completion of 250 new dwellings by 2030, of which at least half will be social housing, affordable or local occupancy homes to attract and retain younger working age households**		
26.1	Complete Development Briefs for the larger allocated housing sites	Jul	
26.2	Engage with landowners and builders to support proposals for 5 allocated housing sites.	Mar	
26.3	Work with Councils, the Rural Housing Enabler and community-led housing initiatives to progress proposals for 5 affordable housing exception sites, particularly in the north of the National Park	Mar	
27.	**Increase the proportion of dwellings that are permanently occupied by requiring all new dwellings to be for principal occupancy**		
27.1	Adopt, publish and promote a new Local Plan for the whole of the National Park	Jul	
28.	**Support programmes of activity by other bodies to encourage sustainable development within the National Park, including initiatives that improve access to services, support green jobs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions**		
28.1	Co-ordinate and publish the first annual progress report on the 2025-30 National Park Management Plan	Sep	
28.2	Through the Sustainable Development Fund, provide £100k in grants to support at least 10 projects that deliver benefits for communities, visitors and the environment	Mar	
29.	**Develop and contribute to relevant local plans and projects to improve connections for walking, cycling, wheeling and horse-riding and create at least two new multi-use routes by 2030, including one linking Garsdale–Hawes**		
29.1	Prepare a delegated decision report to make a Public Path Creation Order for the Garsdale Hawes multi-user route	Jul	
29.2	Complete feasibility studies to design stage for accessible, family-friendly link options from Garsdale station to the start of the proposed Garsdale-Hawes multi-user route	Mar	
29.3	Work with NYC to resurface the public bridleway on the NCN route connecting Austwick to Clapham	Mar	
29.4	Complete Year 1 of Active Travel England Capability Fund Phase 2, including prioritisation and integration of Active Travel Network Plan, development of feasibility stage design for Skipton-Grassington active travel corridor, and evidence gathering for two quiet lanes schemes	Mar	

29.5	Work with NYC to create a new pedestrian crossing in Threshfield, offering a safer walking route to Threshfield primary school	Mar	
29.6	Complete the preparatory works towards achieving planning and other consents necessary for the Garsdale Hawes multi-user route	Mar	

To be a highly effective organisation that delivers quality services and is widely recognised for its expertise in National Park policy, practice and partnership-working

30.	**Plan and manage the Authority's work to make the most effective use of its resources, including generating sufficient income to maintain expenditure at the same level as 2014/15 in real terms**		
30.1	Prepare a programme of capital investments to support a greener, wilder, more accessible National Park and an initial pipeline of projects for subsequent years	May	C
30.2	Procure and appoint catering concession for DCM Café (3 years)	Jul	
30.3	Produce the Medium-Term Financial Strategy for 2027/28 to 2029/30	Mar	C
30.4	Complete a major project review of the production of the National Park Management Plan 2025-30	Mar	
31.	**Provide high quality, efficient and effective services to the public and other stakeholders, achieving substantial assurance through an annual Customer Service audit**		
31.1	Complete a Customer Service audit and implement any significant recommendations	Mar	C
32.	**Operate governance arrangements that are fit for purpose, as reported through the Annual Governance Statement and Report**		
32.1	Complete internal and external audits, securing at least 'Reasonable Assurance'	Jan	C
32.2	Complete the Annual Governance Report and publish the Annual Governance Statement	Mar	C
33.	**Ensure that we have HR policies, procedures, terms and conditions to attract and support the right people with the right skills, core values and behaviours to deliver the Authority's work effectively, as evidenced by accreditation under the Investors in People standard**		
33.1	Identify key recommendations from the Investors in People Action Plan to implement in 2026/27	Aug	

33.2	Review and update the People Strategy	Sep	
33.3	Continue to review and update HR policies/procedures, including Disciplinary and Grievance policies	Mar	
34.	**Provide facilities and IT systems that are fit for purpose and support the effective delivery of our services and high standards of health, safety and well-being**		
34.1	Replace the Colvend office (cottage) roof (p)	Aug	
34.2	Complete refurbishment of Aysgarth NPVC toilets	Oct	
34.3	Replace the back-up server and review back-up procedures and upgrade Legacy 2012 servers	Nov	
34.4	Review and update the Property Strategy	Dec	
34.5	Review the Procurement Strategy	Feb	
34.6	Complete migration of all live documents to SharePoint to support more agile and collaborative working	Mar	C
35.	**By 2030, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our operations by at least 95% compared to 2005/06**		
35.1	Explore the feasibility of installation of ground array of PV panels at Yoredale office and review electricity supply options including a move to a green electricity tariff	Mar	
36.	**Provide high-quality, engaging communications to audiences in a variety of formats, including generating 2 million web views a year**		
36.1	Review the Media Procedure and Protocol	Aug	
36.2	Complete the development, design and implementation of the new Authority website	Sep	C

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