Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority **Item 7a**

30 June 2026

Appointment of Members to the Authority's Committees

Purpose of report

1. To agree the appointment of Members to the Authority's Committees.

Recommendation

2. To agree the appointment of Members (and substitute Members for the Planning Committee), to serve on the Authority's Committees from 30 June 2026 until the next Annual General Meeting, as set out in **Appendix C**.

Strategic Planning Framework

3. The information and recommendation contained in this report is consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic planning framework.

    - Corporate Plan Objective 32
      Operate governance arrangements that are fit for purpose, as reported through the Annual Governance Statement and Report.

Background

4. Current legislation recognises three groups of Authority Members:

    - Local Authority Members (NYC, W&FC, LCC, LCyC)
    - Members appointed by the Secretary of State (SoS)
    - Parish Members appointed by the Secretary of State (SoS (P))

5. Legislation requires the Authority to ensure that the division of Members on committees between Local Authority Members and Secretary of State Members is (as nearly as possible in using whole numbers) in the same proportion as in the case of the division on the Authority.

6. For Members' assistance -

    - **Appendix A** sets out the total number of seats on the Authority's Committees and their allocation across the groups;
    - **Appendix B** sets out the current membership of the Authority's Committees;

7. **Appendix C** shows the proposed membership of the Authority's Committees for 2026/27. The proposals for the Committees have been drafted following consultation

with the Members' groupings and proposals reflect, as far as possible, Members' preferences.

8. In accordance with the Authority's Standing Orders, any Member elected to serve on the Planning Committee, or as a substitute, should meet the Authority's requirements regarding attending planning training.

Financial Implications

9. None

Legal Implications

10. None

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Implications

11. None

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Acting Chief Executive

Appendix A

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Membership of Committees

Allocation of Seats between Groups

Committee	Membership	Local Authority	SoS (National)	SoS (Parish)
Audit & Review	12	7	3	2
Finance & Resources	13	8	3	2
Planning	17	10 (split 7/3)**#**	4	3
Standards	5	3	1	1

Memberships of the Audit and Review Committee and the Finance and Resources Committee are allocated so that Members serve on one committee or the other.

 # This acknowledges a current 7/3 spilt between North Yorkshire Council and Westmorland and Furness/Lancashire Councils.

Appendix B

Committee Membership and Member Champions

17 June 2026

Member	Appointing body	Planning	Audit & Review	Finance & Resources	Standards
M'ship/Quorum→		*17/7*	*12/6*	*13/6*	*5/3*
Ali Saira	SoS	✓	✓		
Bateman Libby	SoS(P)	✓		✓	
Bushby Lizzie	SoS		✓		
Corner Mark	SoS	✓	✓		✓
Cunliffe- Lister Felicity	NYC	S1	✓		
Foster Richard	NYC	✓		✓	
Hanley Michael	W&F	✓			
Heseltine Neil	SoS(P)	S1		✓	
Heseltine Robert	NYC	✓	✓		
Holmes Dan	SoS	✓		✓	
Hutton Julie	SoS	S1		✓	
Ingram Richard	SoS(P)	✓	✓		
Ireton David	NYC	✓	✓		✓
Jackson Peter	LCyC	S2		✓	
Kirkbride Allen	SoS(P)	✓	✓		✓
Mitchell Ian	W&FC	✓		✓	✓
Murday Andrew	NYC	✓		✓	
Noland David	NYC	✓		✓	
Parsons Stuart	NYC			✓	
Peacock Yvonne	NYC	✓	✓		
Sedgwick Karin	NYC			✓	
Shaw-Wright Steve	NYC	✓	✓		✓
Simpkins Graham	W&FC	✓	✓		
Swales Nigel	LCC			✓	
Twine Derek	SoS	✓		✓	

LCyC=Lancaster City Council; LCC= Lancashire County Council; NYC= North Yorkshire Council; SoS=Secretary of State; SoS(P)=Secretary of State (Parish); W&F=Westmorland & Furness Council

CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS		
Date elected	***Chair***	***Deputy Chair***
Authority (24/06/25)	Derek Twine	Lizzie Bushby
Planning (15/07/25)	Ian Mitchell	Allen Kirkbride
Audit and Review (15/07/25)	Mark Corner	Steve Shaw Wright
Finance and Resources (05/08/25)	Julie Hutton	Libby Bateman
Standards (04/03/25)	David Ireton	-

MEMBER CHAMPIONS		
Area of responsibility	***Member appointed***	***Term of appointment***
Natural Environment	Mark Corner	June25 – June28
Cultural Heritage	David Noland	Dec24 – Dec27
Recreation Management	Lizzie Bushby	Dec25 – Dec28
Promoting Understanding	Neil Heseltine	Dec24- Dec 27
Development Management	Andrew Murday	Oct24 – Oct27
Sustainable Development	Vacancy	
Corporate Management	Julie Hutton	Dec24 – Dec27

Table 1: Planning Committee (17 Members)

Proposed Members	Group
Saira Ali	SoS
Libby Bateman	SoS (P)
Mark Corner	SoS
Richard Foster	NYC
Michael Hanley	W&FC
Robert Heseltine	NYC
Dan Holmes	SOS
Richard Ingram	SOS (P)
David Ireton	NYC
Allen Kirkbride	SoS (P)
Ian Mitchell	W&FC
Andrew Murday	NYC
David Noland	NYC
Yvonne Peacock	NYC
Steve Shaw Wright	NYC
Graham Simpkins	W&FC
Derek Twine	SoS
Felicity Cunliffe-Lister	NYC Sub 1
Peter Jackson	LCyC Sub 2
Neil Heseltine	SoS (P) Sub
Lizzie Bushby	SoS Sub

LCC = Lancashire County Council
LCyC = Lancaster City Council
NYC = North Yorkshire Council
SoS = Secretary of State (National)
SoS (P) = Secretary of State (Parish)
W&FC = Westmorland and Furness Council

Table 2 - Audit and Review Committee (12 Members)

Proposed Members	Appointing body
Saira Ali	SoS
Lizzie Bushby	SoS
Mark Corner	SoS
Richard Foster	NYC
Michael Hanley	W&FC
Robert Heseltine	NYC
Richard Ingram	SoS (P)
David Ireton	NYC
Allen Kirkbride	SoS (P)
Yvonne Peacock	NYC
Steve Shaw Wright	NYC
Graham Simpkins	W&FC

Table 3 - Finance and Resources Committee (13 Members)

Proposed Members	Appointing body
Libby Bateman	SoS(P)
Felicity Cunliffe-Lister	NYC
Neil Heseltine	SoS(P)
Dan Holmes	SoS
Peter Jackson	LCyC
Ian Mitchell	W&FC
Andrew Murday	NYC
David Noland	NYC
Stuart Parsons	NYC
Karin Sedgwick	NYC
Nigel Swales	LCC
Derek Twine	SoS
Vacant	SoS

Table 4 Standards Committee (5 Members)

Proposed Members	Appointing body
Mark Corner	SoS
Allen Kirkbride	SoS (P)
David Ireton	NYC
Ian Mitchell	W&FC
Andrew Murday	NYC

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