Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority **Item 15**

30 June 2026

Joint working with the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT)

Purpose of the report

1. To update on the joint working between YDNPA and YDMT during 2025/26

Recommendation

2. That Members note the report in the **Annex**.

Strategic Framework

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

    - **Corporate Plan objective 28**
      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 across the extended National Park area.

Background

4. The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust ('the Trust') was set up in 1996, largely at the instigation of the Authority. It was intended to provide a vehicle for bringing funds into the National Park area that the Authority – as a local government body – was not able to access. The Trust is represented on the National Park Management Plan Partnership, and is directly involved in the delivery of several objectives in the Management Plan 2025-30.

5. A Memorandum of Understanding was adopted by the two organisations in September 2015. It requires the two organisations to review jointly the effectiveness of the programme of work carried out the previous year. This is then reported to the Trustees of the Trust and to the Members of the Authority

Joint working in 2025-26

6. The 2025-26 review is attached as an **annex** to this report. It outlines the wide-ranging programme of co-operative work that took place last year.

Financial implications

7. None

Legal Implications

8. None

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Implications

9. The work of both organisations includes a range of complementary activities aimed at broadening access to the National Park, tackling health inequalities, and increasing engagement with under-served communities.

Conclusion

10. During 2025-26, the Authority and the Trust continued to work closely on a range of programmes and projects that are providing significant benefits for the environment, economy and communities of the National Park.

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