YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY **ITEM 11**

Date: **26 September 2023**

Report: **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

1. ENGAGEMENTS

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

Media

- Interview with Guardian regarding Labour's plans to extend right to wild camp to all English national parks.
- Interview with Guardian newspaper on the Government's consultation on extending Permitted Development Rights.

Events

- SMT away day in Wharfedale.
- A day with the with Senior Planning Officer (South) looking at her area of work.
- A Microsoft TEAMS training course.
- Hosted a meeting/event with Railway Paths Ltd Trustees, representatives of National Highways and Sustrans to discuss the development of the Hawes-Garsdale multi-user route.
- A day with the Authority's Woodland Team to look at their work.

Meetings

- An on-line introductory meeting with a National Parks Partnership (NPP) Board member as part of a 'buddy' system, whereby one NPP board member liaises regularly with their 'buddy park' to keep them abreast of NPP activities.

- A performance review with the Executive Director of NPE.

- A meeting of English NPA CEO's with the Defra consultants examining possible income streams.

- A Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission (YHCC) Regional Policy Forum on Economic Transformation. The forum had presentations covering: progress with planning policy principles and related work, and how this has informed emerging approach to local economic transformation; Shaping Local Economic Strategies - brief overview of York & North Yorkshire's Routemap to Carbon Negative, reflecting on the role of circular economy and the business sector's strategic needs; a range of approaches that local authorities are drawing upon to formulate local economic

strategies. Central Government Perspectives on environmental benefits of strategies and projects - insights into how government departments are actively seeking more joined-up approaches to fundable projects and value for public money.

- An ENPOG meeting which covered NPE Executive Director update and transitional arrangements for replacement role; Landscape Partnership; discussion on NPE key asks – getting it to opinion formers; NP funding and income generation project; Future of Lead CEO role.

- The newly constituted meeting of the Chief Executives Group North Yorkshire & York which discussed: Future areas of working/Terms of reference/Membership refresh; and partner updates.

- An introductory meeting with the Authority's Customer Service Excellence (CSE) assessor.

- A catchup meeting with the Lake District NPA CEO to discuss matters of mutual interest.

- A CSE assessment review meeting.

- A NPE Access officers meeting with a representative from Active Travel England to discuss joint working.

- A joint North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales Senior Management Team Day, looking at areas of collaborative working.

- Member induction for Peter Jackson – Lancaster City appointed Board Member.

- A joint Yorkshire Dales NPA and Westmorland & Furness Senior Leadership Team meeting, to discuss matters of mutual interest and potential areas for collaborative working.

- Along with the Chairman, a face to face meeting with a designated National Parks Partnership Board member in order to keep abreast of activities and discuss broader issues.

- A meeting with Defra's Team Leader for Environmental Outcomes in Protected Landscapes on the progress in developing the Protected Landscapes Outcomes Framework and draft targets.

- A meeting with Officers from the Peak District NPA to discuss the issues they faced when developing Peak District multi use routes.

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Background documents: None
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