Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority **Item 11**

31 March 2026

Appointment of Member to Audit and Review Committee and Substitute on Planning Committee

Purpose of report

1. To report the appointment of North Yorkshire Council Member, Ms Felicity Cunliffe-Lister, to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. To agree their appointment to the Authority's Audit and Review Committee and to the Planning Committee, as the local authority substitute, until the AGM in June 2026.

Recommendation

2. That Ms Felicity Cunliffe-Lister be appointed to the Authority's Audit and Review Committee and as substitute on Planning Committee until the Authority's AGM in June 2026.

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 30:**
      Operate governance arrangements that are fit for purpose, as reported through the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Governance Report.

Background

4. A change in political balance at North Yorkshire Council was reported to the Full Council at its meeting in February. This has resulted in a change in the allocation of seats on the Authority meaning that the Conservatives and Independents lose one seat and the Liberal Democrats and Liberals gain one seat.

5. On 18 March 2026 the Authority was notified by North Yorkshire Council of the appointment of Ms Felicity Cunliffe-Lister to the Authority to replace Mr Simon Myers. The appointment has been made in line with the new political balance of the Council.

6. As there are only three months remaining before the annual appointment of Members to the Authority's Committees, it is proposed that Ms Felicity Cunliffe-Lister assumes the existing appointments previously held by Mr Myers.

Financial Implications

7. None

Legal Implications

8. None

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Implications

9. None

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