YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY	**ITEM 11**
Date:	**12 December 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

BBC Look North interview regarding government consultation on Permitted Development Rights.

Events

- Along with the Chair, attended the EUROPARC Conference in Leeuwarden, Netherlands. (Refer to report at Appendix 1 to Chair's report).
- A day with the Estates Manager looking at his area of work.
- A day with the Access Development Officer looking at her area of work.
- A memorial Quaker Meeting for Wilf Fenten (a former NPA board member)
- A presentation to the Dent 'Head to Foot' group
- Remembrance Day Service held in Leyburn.
- Development training with Senior Leadership Team on Action Learning
- Development training with SMT on IOSH Leading Safely
- Chaired the annual National Park UK Access Officers meeting held in Cairngorms NPA which included the following: Presentation from Active Travel England (ATE) on opportunities for working with UK National Parks; Presentation form National Parks Partnership (NPP) on income generation opportunities in Access work; Presentation from Cycling UK on joint work and improving access. Access Officers AGM

Meetings

- Along with the Chair, a meeting with the CEO & Leader of Westmorland & Furness Council
- Introductory meeting with the Corporate Director for Community Development at North Yorkshire Council
- A meeting with the Director of Strategy at ATE to discuss a new grant fund for English NPAs
- The Deputy CEO substituted at a meeting of a regional policy forum to discuss the development and implementation of the new Local Nature Recovery Strategies

- English National Park Officers Group meeting which discussed: NPE Leadership Charter
- Consultation on Audit Fees; Campaign for National Parks National Park Health Check, Future Plans; and English National Park Officer Group Away Days
- A Defra briefing and Q&A session on the protected landscapes amendment in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill
- An introductory meeting with the new Executive Director of National Parks England
- Along with the Chair, a meeting with Defra to discuss Secretary of State Member recruitment in 2024
- NPP AGM held in Bakewell which covered the evolution of NPP's work and UK collaboration; Annual Report 2022/23 and Annual Accounts and Audit.
- Autumn Parish Forum meeting
- English National Park Officers Group meeting which covered: Leadership Charter and next steps; Protected Landscape Partnership update; Defra update; Paul Hamblin award and 75th Anniversary update
- A meeting of the Senior Leadership Team with representatives from Investors in People (IIP) to discuss the upcoming assessment
- A post-National Parks Partnership Board Briefing from the Yorkshire Dales NPA new 'buddy
- A Europarc Atlantic Isles meeting held in York. Agenda items included: Governance 2023: Mem and Arts; Irish membership; New board members; Council representation 2024 onwards; Finance; Finance update; Approve accounts for 2022/23; EAI Event 2024 Strategy review; Comms strategy review; Federation matters: Europarc Conference 2023 Sections meeting in Oct; Young professional mentoring and Advocacy: Defra; Scotland; Wales & Ireland
- The Authority's full Staff Meeting held at the Devonshire Institute, Grassington
- Conducted interviews for the Director of Park Services
- A meeting with colleagues from North York Moors NPA and North Yorkshire Council to discuss Active Travel England working

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Background documents: None

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