Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority **Item 2**
Finance and Resources Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Officers, Yoredale, Bainbridge, Leyburn DL8 3EL, on Tuesday, 30 September 2025.

Members Present:

Libby Bateman (Chair), Neil Heseltine, Peter Jackson, Ian Mitchell, Andrew Murday, David Noland, Stuart Parsons, Karin Sedgwick, Nigel Swales, Derek Twine

Co-opted Member – Katie Norgate

Copies of all Documents considered are in the Minute Book

26/25 Apologies

Apologies were received from Julie Hutton, Richard Foster and Zac Anderson.

27/25 Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2025, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

28/25 Public Questions / Statements

No public questions or statements had been received.

29/25 Declarations of Lobbying

There were no declarations of lobbying.

30/25 Draft Statement of Financial Accounts 2024-25

The Committee **Considered** the report of the Head of Finance.

Resolved –

a. To approve the SoFA for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 and note the Annual Governance Statement which was approved and signed by the Chief Executive and the Chair of Audit & Review Committee on 15 April 2025.

b. To note that the approved SoFA will be signed by the Chair of Finance & Resources Committee, once the external audit of the SoFA has been completed, provided that the

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overall opinion in the audit report is unqualified, or that the qualified/disclaimed statements are materially unchanged from the version presented here.

31/25 Safeguarding Policy

The Committee **Considered** the report of the Head of Human Resources and the Education, Engagement and Wellbeing Manager

Resolved – To approve the revised Safeguarding Policy, as set out in **Appendix A**.

32/25 Financial Progress report: 1 April to 31 July 2025

The Committee **Considered** and **Noted** the report of the Head of Finance.

In response to a Member's question, the Head of Finance clarified that paragraph 7 of the report should state "the income target at 31 July 2025 was 2.3m, £2.4 m was received, leaving £0.1m over" (not "due").

A Member requested an update on progress with the pay review. The Director of Corporate Services advised that a draft report had been received from the consultant. This has been considered by the Senior Management Team and some questions have been raised with the consultant. The outcome of the pay review will be shared with the Finance and Resources informal working group for their consideration before a report is presented to Members, hopefully in December 2025.

33/25 Treasury Management Performance - Quarterly Review

The Committee **Considered** and **Noted** the report of the Treasurer.

34/25 Staffing

The Committee **Considered** and **Noted** the report of the Head of Human Resources.

35/25 Sickness Absence

The Committee **Considered** and **Noted** the report of the Senior Administrative Officer.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10:55 a.m.

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