Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority **Item 8b**

25 June 2024

Appointment of Members to represent the Authority on Partnership bodies

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the appointment of Members to represent the Authority on Partnership bodies.

Recommendation

2. That Members consider and confirm the Authority's representation on each Partnership body listed in the attached Appendix.

Strategic Framework

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

    - **National Park Management Plan**
      Partnerships underpin and underlay the aims and objectives of the Yorkshire Dales Management Plan and form one of the Management Plans common themes.

Background

4. The purpose of this paper is to provide information on the Authority's partnerships in terms of Members' attendance at the partnership meetings; question Member representatives and subsequently, make new appointments or re-appointments to the partnerships.

5. The Authority tries to ensure that its resources are used effectively in partnerships that best achieve national park purposes and objectives and also relate to the Authority's agreed priorities.

6. Attached as an Appendix to this report is a table that lists the partnerships in which Members currently participate, the number of meetings of each partnership since June 2023 and the number of those meetings attended by the Authority's representative(s).

Financial Implications

7. None

Legal Implications

8. None

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Implications

9. None

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Appendix

Partnerships

Partnership	*Member Appointments made NPA June 2023*	Meetings		Lead Officer	Description/Effectiveness for NPA and Nat Park
		Held	Attended		
1. Campaign for National Parks	M Corner	2	2	DB	Provides a corporate/voluntary sector voice on Nat Park matters and acts as an umbrella organisation for a range of national bodies interested in nat. parks. Represents nat. parks, acts as a conduit and effectively lobbies Govt. and develops good relationships with key organisations
2. Dales Woodland Forum	MC for Natural Environment M Corner	0	0	LJ	Independent forum to advise the Authority on a range of woodland issues. Helps to secure wide ownership of Dales Woodland Strategy (public and private sector). It focuses on woodland in the Dales and allows discussion of priorities for the NPA.
3. Farming & Land Management Forum	N Heseltine	3	3	HK	Forum to feedback whether YDNPA and partners are doing what we said we would in relation to the Management Plan objectives for farming and land management; to hear opinions of the farmers and land managers in the National Park; and identify ways to work together more effectively to deliver NPMP objectives. Improved relationship with farmers and land managers. Expert input into policy making and development of external funding bids etc
4. Grassington Moor Management Association	N Heseltine	1	0	PR	Duties under the Commons Act. Liaison with local community and land managers. Positive outcomes on both purposes. Reviews and Authority approval to continue
5. Local Government York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Housing Board	MC for Sustainable Development	2	1	PS	Provides a co-ordinated approach to the provision of local needs/affordable housing across the region.
6. National Park Management Plan Steering Group	Chair	3	3	PS	Group set up to develop, monitor and oversee implementation of the objectives in the National Park Management Plan. Ensures NPMP objectives are achieved

7. National Parks England	Chair	4	4	DB	Political grouping of English Chairs discussing and influencing NP policy nationally. Determines wider English NPA policy. Major source of influence on Govt
8. North Yorkshire Shared Prosperity Fund Partnership	MC Sustainable Development	2	2	PS	To provide oversight and guidance in respect of the delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in North Yorkshire
9. Housing Provision Advisory Group	MC Sustainable Development	3	0	PS	Considers any housing issues in Westmorland and Furness related to the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Park areas within the Unitary
10. Swinden Quarry Tru**st**	R Foster & R Heseltine	1	1	MC	To manage the investment of the trust fund for the long-term management of the site after the restoration of the quarry following its closure.
11. Yorkshire Dales Access Forum	MC for Recreation Management & N Heseltine	2	2	RGr	Statutory partnership to advise the authority on access and recreation provision and management. User and landowner involvement in recreation and access management.
12. Yorkshire Dales Biodiversity Forum	MC for Natural Environment	1	1	TS	Advisory group for the Development, review and implementation of LBAP. Responsible for the content of the LBAP. Broad support for the LBAP. Partnership funding.
13. Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Advisory Group	MC for Recreation Management	0	0	RGr	Yorkshire Dales specific group looking at options for management of individual green lanes in the National Park which provides users an opportunity to give 'advice' on green lane management before the matter is considered by members. Provides users an opportunity to give 'advice' on green lane management before the matter is considered by members. Meet as and when required.
14. Yorkshire Dales National Park Tourism Partnership.	MC for Promoting Understanding	0	0	JMB	Group developed to assist collaborative working and reduce duplication across the 7 local authorities and 3 Destination Management Organisations all of whom are involved in the delivery of tourism within the Yorkshire Dales National Park. AONBs with a shared boundary with the National Park are also members, to help promote consistent messages, and joint tourism projects amongst protected landscapes.