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

24 June 2025

Appointment of Members to The Authority's Committees from 24 June 2025

Purpose of report

1. To agree appointments of Members to the Authority's Committees.

Recommendation

2. That, after consideration of the nominations from the Groups, the Authority determines the appointment of Members (and substitute Members for the Planning Committee), to serve on the Authority's Committees.

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. Current legislation recognises three groups of Authority Members:
   - Local Authority Members (NYC,W&F,LCC,LCyC)
   - Parish Members appointed by the Secretary of State (SoS P)
   - Other Members appointed by the Secretary of State (SoS)

5. Legislation requires the Authority to ensure that the division of Members on Committees between Local Authority Members and Secretary of State Members is (as nearly as possible in using whole numbers) in the same proportion as in the case of the division on the Authority.

6. For Members' assistance -

   - **Appendix A** sets out the total number of seats on the Authority's Committees and their allocation across the groups;
   - **Appendix B** sets out the current membership of the Authority's Committees;

7. **Appendix C** shows the proposed membership of the Authority's Committees for 2025/26. The proposals for the Committees have been drafted following consultation

with the Members groupings and proposals reflect, as far as possible, Members previously stated preferences.

8. Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Authority's Standing Orders, any Member elected to serve on the Planning Committee, or as a substitute, should meet the Authority's requirements regarding attending planning training.

Financial Implications

9. None

Legal Implications

10. None

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Implications

11. None

David Butterworth
Chief Executive

Appendix A

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Membership of Committees

Allocation of Seats between Groups

Committee	Membership	Local Authority	SoS (National)	SoS(Parish)
Audit & Review	12	7	3	2
Finance & Resources	13	8	3	2
Planning	17	10 (split 7/3) #	4	3
Standards	5	3	1	1

The memberships of the Audit and Review and the Finance and Resources Committees are allocated so that Members serve on one committee or the other.

 # This acknowledges a current 7/3 spilt between North Yorks Council and W&F/Lancashire Councils.

Appendix B

Committee Membership and Member Champions

2 May 2025

Member	Appointing body	Planning	Audit & Review	Finance & Resources	Standards
M'ship/Quorum→		*17/7*	*12/6*	*13/6*	*5/3*
Bateman, Libby	SoS(P)	✓		✓	
Bushby Lizzie	SoS	✓	✓		
Corner Mark	SoS	✓	✓		✓
Foster Richard	NYC	✓		✓	
Hanley Michael	W&F			✓	
Heseltine Neil	SoS(P)	S1		✓	
Heseltine Robert	NYC	✓	✓		
Hutton Julie	SoS	✓		✓	
Ireton David	NYC	✓	✓		✓
Jackson Peter	LCyC	S2		✓	
Kirkbride Allen	SoS(P)	✓	✓		✓
Mitchell Ian	W&F	✓	✓		✓
Murday Andrew	NYC	✓	✓		
Myers Simon	NYC	S1		✓	
Noland David	NYC	✓		✓	
Parsons Stuart	NYC			✓	
Peacock Yvonne	NYC	✓	✓		
Sedgwick Karin	NYC			✓	
Shaw-Wright Steve	NYC	✓	✓		✓
Simpkins Graham	W&F	✓	✓		
Twine Derek	SoS	✓		✓	
Vacancy	SoS				
Vacancy	SoS				
Vacancy	SoS(P)				
Vacancy	LCC				

LCyC=Lancaster City Council; LCC= Lancashire County Council; NYC= North Yorkshire Council; SoS=Secretary of State; SoS(P)=Secretary of State (Parish); W&F=Westmorland & Furness Council

CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS		
Date elected	***Chair***	***Deputy Chair***
Authority (25/06/24)	Derek Twine	Lizzie Bushby
Planning (16/07/24)	Ian Mitchell	Allen Kirkbride
Audit and Review (16/07/24)	Mark Corner	
Finance and Resources (01/10/24)	Julie Hutton	Libby Bateman
Standards (04/03/25)	Steve Shaw Wright	-

MEMBER CHAMPIONS		
Area of responsibility	***Member appointed***	***Term of appointment***
Natural Environment	Mark Corner	June22 – June25
Cultural Heritage	David Noland	Dec24 – Dec27
Recreation Management	Lizzie Bushby	Dec22 – Dec25
Promoting Understanding	Neil Heseltine	Dec24- Dec 27
Development Management	Andrew Murday	Oct24 – Oct27
Sustainable Development	Richard Foster	Apr23 – Apr26
Corporate Management	Julie Hutton	Dec24 – Dec27

Appendix C

Table 1: Planning Committee (17 Members)

PROPOSED MEMBERS	
Name	**Group**
Libby Bateman	SoS (P)
Lizzie Bushby	SoS
Mark Corner	SoS
Richard Foster	NYC
Michael Hanley	W & F
Robert Heseltine	NYC
Julie Hutton	SoS
David Ireton	NYC
Allen Kirkbride	SoS (P)
Ian Mitchell	W&F
Andrew Murday	NYC
David Noland	NYC
Yvonne Peacock	NYC
Steve Shaw Wright	NYC
Graham Simpkins	W&F
Derek Twine	SoS
Vacant	SoS(P)
Simon Myers	NYC Sub 1
Peter Jackson	LCyC Sub 2
Neil Heseltine	Parish (SoS) Sub

Code
LCC = Lancashire County Council
LCyC = Lancaster City Council
NYC = North Yorkshire Council
SoS = Secretary of State (“National”)
SoS (P) = Secretary of State (Parish)
W&F = Westmorland and Furness Council

Table 2 - Audit and Review Committee (12 Members)

PROPOSED MEMBERS	
Name	**Appointing body**
Lizzie Bushby	SoS
Mark Corner	SoS
Robert Heseltine	NYC
David Ireton	NYC
Allen Kirkbride	SoS(P)
Simon Myers	NYC
Yvonne Peacock	NYC
Steve Shaw Wright	NYC
Graham Simpkins	W&F
Vacant	Local Authority
Vacant	SoS (P)
Vacant	SoS

Table 3 - Finance and Resources Committee (13 Members)

PROPOSED MEMBERS	
Name	**Appointing body**
Libby Bateman	SoS(P)
Richard Foster	NYC
Neil Heseltine	SoS(P)
Julie Hutton	SoS
Peter Jackson	LCyC
Ian Mitchell	W&F
Andrew Murday	NYC
David Noland	NYC
Stuart Parsons	NYC
Karin Sedgwick	NYC
Derek Twine	SoS
Vacant	Local Authority
Vacant	SoS

Table 4 Standards Committee (5 Members)

PROPOSED MEMBERS	
Name	**Appointing body**
Mark Corner	SoS
Allen Kirkbride	SoS(P)
David Ireton	NYC
Ian Mitchell	W&F
Steve Shaw-Wright	NYC

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