

Date: 15 DECEMBER 2020**Report: CHAIR'S REPORT****ENGAGEMENTS**

Since the last meeting of the Authority, the Chair has been involved in the following:-

Media

- A Radio 4 national Sunday service broadcast interview for the CofE Ripon Cathedral harvest service with Bishop Helen-Ann <https://www.leeds.anglican.org/news/national-harvest-service-broadcast-diocese-leeds>

Meetings

- Along with the Chief Executive, the AGM of National Parks Partnership Limited (NPPL).
- Along with the Chief Executive, a meeting of the National Parks England Board.
- Along with the Chief Executive, an introductory meeting with the (new) Chair and CEO of the housing provider – Broadacres.
- A meeting with the Bolton Estate manager to discuss Covid visitor management
- A roundtable event with ministers and a small group of trusted stakeholders to discuss the government's response to the Landscape Review.
- An induction meeting with the Director of Conservation and Community to discuss the delivery of the National Park Management Plan and the Attracting Younger People Initiative.
- An induction meeting with the Sustainable Development officer to discuss the development of the Local Plan.
- A meeting of the Defra Arms Length Bodies.
- Two meetings with the Chief Executive on the emerging proposals for member development.
- A meeting with Mr Twine on engaging young people and diverse communities.
- Along with the Chief Executive and Deputy Chair, a liaison meeting with counterparts at North York Moors NPA.
- A number of meetings with members to discuss individual training/development requirements.
- Gave a presentation on the future of farming to a member/officer group at Northumberland NPA.
- Gave a presentation on engaging farmers in more nature friendly agriculture at an on-line Taking Action Together conference, organised by Kevin Frea.

- Chaired a Member Champions meeting [refer to separate report on the agenda for the minutes: *Member Feedback on Partnership Representation and Member Champions Reports*].
- Along with the Chief Executive and Deputy Chair, a liaison meeting with Friends of the Dales [FoTD].
- Attended the YDNPA Youth Forum Meeting.
- Along with the Chief Executive a meeting of the National Park Management Plan Steering Group.
- A meeting at the invitation to Defra to an update on 'Agricultural Transition'.
- A meeting with the Dean of Ripon Cathedral the very Revd John Dobson.
- Attended a meeting of the National Parks UK Chairs' Forum.
- Attended a meeting of the Local Government, North Yorkshire & York Board.
- Attended a meeting of National Park England's Board Directors.

Neil Heseltine

Chair

Background documents: None

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