

Date: 15 December 2020**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

- No Media events

Events

- Attending the unveiling of the new re-installation of the George Hallas bench at Askrigg
- Instigated and attended a Europarc Atlantic isles webinar featuring Sir John Lawton speaking ten years after 'Making Space for Nature' or more commonly – 'Lawton report'
- The counting of the ballot papers for the Craven East Parish Election.
- Instigated and attended a Europarc Atlantic Isles webinar from Defra on the Landscapes Review

Meetings

- Along with the Chair, the AGM of the National Parks Partnership Limited (NPPL) where the normal business for the AGM was conducted including: Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 29 October 2019; Annual Report for 2019/20 and Approval of the 19-20 Annual Accounts [audit exempted accounts as small LLP].
- Along with the Chair, a meeting of the National Parks England (NPE) Board where the following was discussed: Urgent Business notified to the Company Secretary; Chairs report; Executive Director's and Lead NPO Update Spending Review; NPE Budget 2021/22 – 2023/24 and NPA Subscriptions; Update from Climate Change Member Officer Task and Finish Group; Update from the Health and Well-Being Strategic Group; E-NPOG Notes of 2 July and the Formal Board Meeting dates for 2021
- Along with the Chair, a meeting with the Broadacres CEO and new Chair where matters of mutual interest were discussed.
- An informal private meeting of the Local Government North Yorkshire & York (LGNYY) Board to discuss the current position on the devolution deal.
- A liaison meeting with Natural England to discuss
- 3 short 'catch up' meetings of the English NPOs' group to discuss a range of current issues.
- 2 meetings of the Cumbria Strategic Recovery Coordination Group (SRCG)

- Attended the Europarc General Assembly meeting
- An introductory telephone meeting with the new CEO of the North York Moors NPA.
- A meeting with the CEO of the North York Moors NPA to discuss post Covid working.
- A meeting with Europarc Atlantic Isles Director to catch up on the last board meeting actions
- A meeting with the Chair and Mr Twine on engaging young people and diverse communities
- A meeting with Cycling UK to discuss the bid to the DEFRA Green Recovery Challenge Fund for England.
- Along with the Chair and Deputy Chair, a liaison meeting with counterparts at North York Moors NPA to discuss matters of mutual interest.
- A meeting to discuss the commissioning of the publication on the corporate history of the NPA
- A meeting with Tarmac to discuss Swinden Quarry
- A meeting with Mr Corner to discuss induction issues
- Along with the Chair and Deputy, a liaison meeting with Friends of the Dales [FoTD] to discuss matters of mutual interest
- A meeting of English National Park Officers' Group [ENPOG] where a Workshop took place on how we can increase our influence, including through establishing and supporting NP champions? And what do NPAs want from NPE if a NLS was established? The following was also discussed: How can we bring in young and diverse people's voices in our decisions Future ENPOG Meetings, frequency of meetings; Lead NPO rota and Policy NPO roles; Policy Communications – Progress Summary; Minutes of the National Parks England Board meeting 1 Oct and matters arising
- A half day with Mr Cotton to discuss the opportunities for family friendly cycling in the south west area of the Park.
- Along with the Chair, a meeting of the National Park Management Plan Steering Group where the following were discussed: Election of Chair and Deputy Chair; 'Very ambitious objectives'; Local Plan 2023-2040; NPMP Annual Forum; Group membership – Younger voices; Partner updates on NPMP objectives; Minutes and Matters arising from the last meeting
- Chaired the Annual Meeting of the NPAs Access Officers Group where the following were discussed: Minutes and actions of last meeting; Appointment of Co-ordinator; Co-ordinators Update & National Parks Round-ups; Glover Review; Permissive Routes; Green Challenge Fund: Cycling UK; Legal Judgements – Yorkshire Dales and Lake District; Next year's meeting
- A meeting with the CEO of the North York Moors NPA to discuss Devolution
- A meeting at the invitation of Defra to discuss upcoming announcements in relation to protected landscapes as part of our work on the response to the Landscapes Review
- Undertook on-line training on equality and diversity
- Chaired the Europarc Atlantic Isles Board meeting where the following was discussed; Minutes of previous meeting and actions; Governance: Resignation; Finance: Approval of accounts; Financial Update; Membership Update; Sending out new membership invoices; Activities/Updates: Update on Glover; Webinars update: Pricing for non members; Communications plan; Members event next spring; Introduction to EAI/Europarc staff; induction; Erasmus update; Europarc Federation Strategy; Proposed Dates of next meeting
- Attended a meeting of NPPL with other UK National Park Chief Officers to discuss NPPL's business model

2. ISSUES FOR MEMBERS TO NOTE

Chief Executive delegated decision under the Scheme of Delegation to Committees and Officers (Terms of Reference) 2018

The scheme of delegation C1.1 enables the CEO (or in his absence the Deputy Chief Executive) to authorise urgent action requiring an immediate decision on any matter, subject to consultation with the Chair of the Authority or the Chair of the appropriate Committee to which the function is delegated and to a subsequent report to the Authority or Committee. The summary below details the decisions that have been made under the urgency provisions and the reasons for that decision.

Date	Delegated Decision	Reasons for decision taken
18/9/20	To adopt an alternative procedure for the Site Visit in respect of the planning application at Linton camp from that set out in the Appendix to the "Planning – Good Practice Guide".	To enable a site visit to be conducted in a safe manner given the difficulties arising from social distancing measures required due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Members of the public still have the opportunity to make their views known prior to determination of the application through the public participation arrangements adopted by the Authority - by either speaking at the Planning Committee meeting or submitting written comments in advance. It is considered the revised Site Visit procedure restricting public access to the Linton Camp site visit is appropriate in the current circumstances.

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Background documents: None
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