

Date: 30 March 2021**Report: CHAIR'S REPORT****ENGAGEMENTS**

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

Media

- Recorded a Podcast on the Future of Farming with Janet Hughes of Defra [Programme Director for the Future Farming and Countryside programme]

Events (on-line)

- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion training.
- Social Media training
- National Park Management Plan Annual Forum
- Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs Annual Forum - British Farming Outside of the EU
- Launch event for Tees-Swale: naturally connected programme
- Speaker at ACE Settle on the National Park's Climate Actions

Meetings (on-line)

- Along with the Chief Executive, three meetings of the member-led review of the lessons learned from the Authority's response to Covid-19.
- Farming and Land Management Forum
- Farming and Land Management Policy Group
- Along with the Chief Executive, a meeting of the NPE Board
- A meeting of Defra's Arms Length Bodies [ALB] Chairs
- Chaired a meeting of the Member Champions – minutes circulated to all members for information.
- The Inaugural AGM & Meeting for the All Parks Parliamentary Group [APPG] for National Parks
- Northern Upland Chain Local Nature Partnership
- Two informal VC NPE Directors' meetings.

The Deputy Chair has attended a joint event with the North York Moors National Park on my behalf in recognition of both Authorities achieving International Dark Sky Reserve status.

Neil Heseltine
Chair

Background documents: None
12 March 2021