

Date: 30 March 2021**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

- A BBC Radio 4 interview for 'You and Yours' programme on use of green lanes by motorised vehicles
- Two interviews for The Yorkshire Post on visitor experiences in 2020 and future arrangements/planning for 2021.

Events

- National Park Management Plan Annual Forum – online
- An online information session for candidates interested in working for the NPA as a Volunteer Co-ordinator
- Hedge planting with four of the Authority's Apprentices for the Crosby Ravensworth Tree Project
- 'Managing Mental Health at Work' training
- Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership Apprentice Graduation

Meetings (on-line)

- A meeting with the North York Moors Chief Executive to discuss matters of mutual interest.
- Along with the Chair, three meetings of the member-led review of the lessons learned from the Authority's response to Covid-19.
- Discussion with Members: Nick Cotton & Cosima Towneley on multi user routes in and to the Park
- A series of meeting with NPA CEOs to discuss a range of issues; response to Covid, current and future years grant settlements, post covid working practices, progress on the Review of Protected Landscapes, opportunities for the Cop 26 meeting later this year, future of farming in protected areas, visitor management in 2021, performance management in delivering the 25 Year Environment Plan
- An on-line induction for new Board Member: Liz Hall
- A meeting with the Investors in People (IIP) Assessor to discuss the Authority's progress on accreditation.

- The author producing the Authority's corporate history to discuss progress
- Along with the Chair, a meeting of the NPE Board where the following were discussed: Chairs report; Lead NPO update; Cohesion – Response to National Landscape Review Service; Spending Review; and Response to Covid-19.
- A meeting with a representative of the British Mountaineering Council to discuss climbing in the National Park
- A meeting of the Chief Executives' Group North Yorkshire & York where the following were discussed: Covid-19 update; Towns Fund – Scarborough's experience; Devolution, Green Industrial Strategy; York & North Yorkshire LEPs Project Pipeline; Report of the York, North Yorkshire, East Riding and Hull (YNYERH) Directors of Development Group.
- A North Yorkshire & York strategic leaders' meeting on a roadmap for the next 12 months.
- A meeting of the Senior Management Team with Section Heads to discuss the draft 2021-22 Action Plan
- A meeting with the CEO of Welcome to Yorkshire to discuss partnership work progress and 2021 objectives.
- Two meetings of the Defra National Landscapes Contact Group to discuss the implementation of the Protected Landscape Review
- A meeting of NPA CEOs with Defra's Deputy Director, Landscapes, Peatlands and Soil & Deputy Director: Strategic Communications and External Affairs to discuss the Review of Protected Landscapes and the Funding position.
- A meeting of LGNYY where the following were discussed: Election of Chair [until July AGM meeting]; LEP performance update including development of investment plan and pipeline of capital projects progress; Devolution; Zero carbon update; Development of the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission.
- A meeting of the Cumbria Strategic Recovery Coordination Group to discuss Covid planning
- Chaired a meeting of the Europarc Atlantic Isles Board where the following were discussed: Actions from last meeting; Governance; welcomed new board member; Budget for 21/20 Financial Update; Membership Update; New member recruitment; Update on Glover; Webinars update; Communications; Members event next summer; Europarc Federation Strategy and European Day of Parks

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Background documents: None

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