

Date: 30 March 2021

Report: MEMBER FEEDBACK ON PARTNERSHIP REPRESENTATION (AND MEMBER CHAMPIONS' REPORTS)

**Purpose**

1. To provide feedback from meetings attended by Members as representatives of the National Park Authority since the last Authority meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That Members consider and note the reports from the Authority's representatives.

**Background**

3. Members represent the Authority on a wide variety of Partnerships and, in order to keep Members and Officers updated on this representation, formal reports are brought to each full Authority meeting.
4. Member Champions are also engaged in a wide range of activities. Champions take turns in bringing annual reports to the Authority meetings - no formal reports are scheduled to come to this meeting. (The note of the meeting of Member Champions on 23 February 2020, providing an update of activities undertaken, has already been circulated by email).
5. These formal reports provide the opportunity to update members on the work of the various partnerships we are involved, a chance to question member representatives and Champions and a means by which we can continually assess the value of these partnerships and Champion roles.
6. The **Appendices** include:
  - 1) A list of Partnership Meetings attended in the last quarter; and
  - 2) Reports from the relevant Partnership meetings.

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**Committees Officer**  
15 March 2021

## Appendix 1

### List of Partnership Meetings Dec 2020 – Mar 2021

<b>Title</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Report</b>
Farming and Land Management Forum	Neil Heseltine	03/02/21	Yes	See Chair's Report
Local Government North Yorkshire & York (LGNYY)	Chair	05/03/21	Yes	See Chair's Report
Local Government North Yorkshire, York and East Yorkshire (NYEY) Housing Board	Richard Good	01/03/21	Yes	See attached report
National Park Management Plan Steering Group	Chair	20/01/21	Yes	See Chair's Report
National Parks England	Chair	28/01/21	Yes	See Chair's Report
York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Local Enterprise Infrastructure Programmes Board	Stuart Parsons	29/01/21 03/03/21	No No	N/A
Yorkshire Dales Biodiversity Forum	Member Champion for the Natural Environment	05/02/21	Yes	See notes attached

## Appendix 2

### Report of Meeting of York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Housing Board held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 via Zoom.

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December were passed.

Housing strategy: Most need from the home's choices data, was for smaller properties. Most housing authorities have problems sourcing bigger homes for larger families. There are very few multi bedroomed properties in the housing stock.

Refugees: Johnathan Spencer NYCC resettlement officer updated the board. At the beginning of covid, all resettlements of refugees were frozen. In January, this year Government agreed that 250 people would be resettled in England. Recently two families were welcomed to Richmondshire and three to Hambleton. Their children have started at local schools.

Some of the first families that arrived in January 2019 have settled well. Most are now employed or doing voluntary work. In due course, Richmondshire will take more families. Craven will take some refugees in the future. The target is to settle 200 people in North Yorkshire.

Can I suggest that when covid restrictions allow the YDNP arrange a day visit to the National Park for the families who have been resettled in Richmondshire.

There is to be a temporary merging of the Strategic Housing Partnership and the Local Enterprise Partnership.

Harrogate Borough Council leaves the Rural Housing Enabling network on 31 March.

There was no report from Homes England on affordable housing, however it is understood there is funding available.

Housing Associations reports: Consultation has started on housing standards. Two housing associations have several schemes coming online. Housing development has continued during the second and third lockdowns. There is very high demand for shared ownership reported. There is a shift from rental to rent-to-buy or shared ownership. The stamp duty holiday has helped a lot, there is concern as to what will happen when this ends. The housing associations reported an increase in the green agenda. More heat source pumps etc.

The Board wished to encourage private house builders to put carbon neutral into their new housing schemes.

The next meeting is 14 June.

Richard Good

## Notes from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Biodiversity Forum held online on 5 February 2021

Forum Members discussed the following:

1. The terms of reference of the Forum, including membership. It was agreed that the Forum could benefit from additional members to represent the Cumbria part of the National Park. Increased representation from farmers and members of the moorland management community would also be explored;
2. Plans for the proposed online High Nature Value / Nature Recovery Conference – including the key topics for the conference, a proposal by consultant facilitators 3KQ, how best to engage farmers and land-owners, the timeliness of the conference given the gradual reduction in and eventual loss of the Basic Payments Scheme and introduction of the Environmental Land Management Scheme, and the significant changes and options expected from Nature Recovery;
3. An update on the Nature Recovery Strategies Cumbrian pilot study, expected to be completed by end of March 2021; and
4. An update on the end of a ten-year period of the Biodiversity Action Plan, and the next steps including draft report.

(Notes taken from draft Minutes of that meeting)