

Date: 28 September 2021**Report: CHAIR'S REPORT**

ENGAGEMENTS

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

Events

- Contributed to a panel debate, hosted by Europarc Atlantic Isles, on Farming for Change: mapping a route to 2030
- Member development and training on Education and Engagement
- Member development and training on Risk Management (delivered by the Authority's internal auditors)
- Nature Friendly Farming Network on Farming in Protected Landscapes
- Member development and training session on Farming and Land Management
- Hosted a farm visit for National Park England (NPE) staff during their visit to the Yorkshire Dales National Park; followed by a lunch meeting with the Chair of Lake District NPA.
- Hosted an informal visit by the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire and their Bolton Abbey Estate Director.

Meetings

- Defra update with Non-Exec Directors on the environment schemes and payment strategy.
- Local Government North Yorkshire & York
- An informal NPE Director/Chairs meeting to discuss Governance
- Along with the Deputy Chairman and CEO, a liaison meeting with Friends of the Dales.
- Two meetings of NPE Task & Finish Group on Governance
- Along with the CEO, a meeting with NPE staff to discuss likely future priorities and decision making at NPE level/governance.
- Farming and Land Management Policy Group – focusing on Farming in Protected Landscapes
- Chaired a Member Champions meeting
- The first Local Assessment Panel meeting for the Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme
- NPE All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG).

Neil Heseltine
Chair

Background documents: None
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