YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY	**ITEM 12**
Date:	**20 September 2022**
Report:	**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

1. ENGAGEMENTS

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

Events

- A visit to the National Park by Campaign for National Parks' (CNP) Policy & Research Manager and Senior Campaigns Officer.
- A Defra Landscapes Partnership workshop group discussion facilitated by Defra to develop the options and critical success factors for the partnership and final business case.
- The CNP Park Protector Awards Ceremony at the House of Commons. The event included presentations to CNP's Park Protector, New Perspectives and Volunteer of the Year award winners, with the Rt Hon Lord Benyon, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and awards judge Dr Anjana Khatwa, multi-award winning and acclaimed Earth Scientist. The ceremony was an opportunity to celebrate the work taking place across National Parks in England and Wales.
- A Ministerial Green Jobs and Skills Roundtable discussion to consider the skills and roles needed to deliver Government's nature agenda.
- An All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Nature Recovery Chaired by Sir Gary Streeter MP.
- Member Induction days for the five new Board Members (Libby Bateman; Lizzie Bushby; Sue Metcalfe; Jenny Purcell and Andrew Murday).
- Speaker: NAAONB Annual Conference - 'Question Time'.

Meetings

- 3 Meetings with the Customer Service Excellence Assessor who has reviewed the NPA's current progress in relation to the award.
- A meeting of the National Parks and Trails (NPT) partnership.
- A discussion with Defra on the implications of local government reform on the NPA.
- 2 meetings with Defra's Director for Natural Environment, Trees & Landscapes.

- A meeting of Local Government North Yorkshire and York (LGNYY) – agenda comprised: LGNYY Membership 2022/23; Appointment of Chair to serve for 2022/23; Appointment of two Vice-Chairs; Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 December 2021; LEP Update by Chief Operating Officer of the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership; Arrangements Post Welcome to Yorkshire; and Nominations to Outside Bodies for 2022/23.
- A meeting with the Director of National Parks England (NPE) and co-ordinator of the Access Officers Workgroup to discuss Access for All funding.
- A Europarc Atlantic Isles Board Meeting – agenda comprised: Governance; Finance; Consultation on the Government's response to the Landscapes Review; EAI Strategy; Working with Universities; Member's event -site visits, webinars; Federation (Conference in France: General Assembly; Meeting of Sections; EAI section meeting); and Nordic-Baltic Section collaboration.
- A meeting with the CEO of North York Moors to discuss current issues.
- 6 meetings with the Executive/Interim Director at NPE.
- 2 meetings with Defra's Deputy Director for Access, Landscapes, Peatland & Soil.
- A meeting of the English CEOs Group when the following were discussed: Development & Role of NPE; Delivery Plans: Nature Recovery; APPG; Government Updates/Issues: LPT Workshop/meeting; Financial and Organizational Pressures; Natural England's Landscape Advisory Panel; Levelling up Bill.
- A joint meeting with the Senior Management Teams of North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales NPAs to examine the following: How can we address the financial challenges that NPAs are facing? Where do we collaborate and where is there scope for NYM & YD NPAs to collaborate further? How do we support effective monitoring oversight and governance of our corporate plans? Blended working – effect on staff collaboration and leadership.
- A meeting of the Defra Environment Committee.
- Monthly meetings with NPE's Senior Projects Officer.
- A discussion with Defra officials on the workings of the Sandford Principle.
- Three briefings with the NPE Chair (monthly).
- Chaired a meeting of the UK Access Officers Working Group to discuss Defra Access for All funding.
- A meeting with an MSc student from Leeds Beckett University to discuss Environment, Climate, wider environment and socio-economic issues in the National Park.
- A meeting of the Farm & Land Management Policy Group.
- A discussion with the Chief Executive of CNP on the All Party Parliamentary Group.
- A discussion with Defra officials on Modernising and Improving the UK's Landscape designation process.
- A meeting with the founder of 'Access the Dales' to discuss opportunities for improving access in the National Park.
- The first of three meetings of a Chairs NPE Task and Finish Working Group to look at the future of NPE.
- A Joint Agreement 'Tripartite' meeting of the Chairs and CEOs of the National Association of AONBs, National Parks England and Natural England.
- A visit to the Lake District NPA to discuss their Cycle Routes.

Issues for Members to note - Car Park Byelaws updated

The Authority made new car park byelaws in relation to its car parks on 29 March 2022. The byelaws were confirmed by the Secretary of State on 1 September 2022 and come into effect on 6 September 2022. The Authority's constituent Councils and Parish Councils where the car parks are situated have been notified. The byelaws are also available on the website and at NPA office receptions. Car park displays will also be updated.

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Background documents: None

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