

**Date:** 13 December 2022

**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 –reports are attached from the Member Champion for Corporate Management.
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;
  - 2) Reports from the relevant Partnership meetings; and
  - 3) The report of the Member Champion for Corporate Management.

**Clare Tamea**  
**Committees Officer**  
25 November 2022

## Appendix 1

### List of Partnership Meetings 24 September 2022 – 13 December 2022

<b>Title</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Report</b>
Campaign for National Parks	Mark Corner	30/11/22	Yes	Verbal update will be provided at the meeting
Farming and Land Management Forum	Neil Heseltine	30/11/22	Yes	See Chair's report
Grassington Moor Management Association	Neil Heseltine	29/9/22	Richard Foster (sub)	
Local Government North Yorkshire & York	Chair	9/12/22	No (has sent apologies)	
Local Government York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Housing Board	Richard Good	29/9/22	No	Richard Foster (Chair) will provide verbal update to meeting
National Park Management Plan Steering Group	Chair	23/11/22	Yes	See Chair's report
National Parks England	Chair	19/10/22	Yes	See Chair's report
South Lakeland Housing Provision Advisory Group	Member Champion for Sustainable Development	8/12/22	No	N/A
York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Local Enterprise Infrastructure Programmes Board (LEP)	Yvonne Peacock	26/10/22	Yes	See attached report
Yorkshire Dales Bio-diversity Forum	Member Champion for the Natural Environment	21/9/22	Yes	See attached report
Yorkshire Dales Local Access Forum	Member Champion for Recreation Management; Neil Heseltine	7/12/22		Verbal report will be provided to the meeting

## Appendix 2

### **Report of the Biodiversity Forum.**

I attended the Biodiversity Forum in Orton on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022. The focus of the meeting was to progress the Yorkshire Dales Nature Recovery Plan following the review of a draft of the plan at the June Authority meeting and the resolution that the Authority, in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales Biodiversity Forum, Woodland Forum and Farming and Land Management Forum, seeks to refine and publish a final Nature Recovery Plan by June 2023. At that meeting the importance of engaging farmers and landowners to help shape the plan was discussed.

Debate at the forum focused on how much of the national park should be targeted as a Nature Recovery Area, noting that the definition of what this would mean on the ground needs to be clear.

The Forum took the position that the plan should be resolute on the intention to move away from heather burning, despite the controversy.

The importance of employing mapping of current and desired habitat status to visualise and communicate the Plan was agreed, together with the use of photos/videos of what 'good' looks like.

The Forum also reviewed and commented on the draft of the updated Priority Species List which is referred to in the Yorkshire Dales Management Plan, with an objective of maintaining stable or increasing populations for 90% of priority species by 2026. The final version of this list will be incorporated into the Nature Recovery Plan.

Subsequent to the Biodiversity Forum a meeting of the chairs of the three fora was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October at Swinithwaite. Increasing involvement and input from farmers and land managers was discussed and the Plan will be tabled at the next Farming and Land Management Forum and efforts will be made to reach out to the wider community. Regarding the contentious issue of heather burning it was agreed that the plan needs to be evidence based in the context of non-conclusive science on the impact of burning. The Plan will focus on detailing the desired condition of blanket bog and heathland habitats in the national park with the management of moorlands following best practice drawn from generally accepted scientific research where this is available, but otherwise might trial new approaches.

**Mark Corner**

**Member Champion for the Natural Environment**

**November 2022**

## **Report of the meeting of the York and North Yorkshire local Enterprise Partnership Infrastructure and Asset board (LEP) held on 26 October 2022**

The LEP meeting had a report on potential funding which may be available for Capital Infrastructure Programme across York & North Yorkshire over the next 3 financial years as a result of the recent announcements of a Devolution Deal, Levelling-Up Fund bids and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The following funding streams were discussed at the meeting.

- Major projects
- Levelling-Up Fund (round 2) bids
- UK Prosperity Fund (SPF)
- Devolution Mayor Combined Authority

### Major Projects

The major projects funding will be impacted by the Local Government Reorganisation with transition to the new North Yorkshire Council. Work streams will either continue in delivery or be considered against the new Economic Strategy for North Yorkshire.

### Levelling-Up Fund (round 2) bids

The outcome of the bids submitted in August 2022 is expected shortly (The bids have no projects in the Yorkshire Dales National Park).

### UK Prosperity Fund (SPF)

The SPF total programme fund is 100% capital and allocated over two years from April 2023 to March 2025. Part of the investment plan is rurality, accessibility and inequalities with climate change.

Challenges include low productivity and a shrinking labour market.

### Devolution Mayor Combined Authority

A Devolution Deal has been proposed for York & North Yorkshire.

This includes the choice to directly elect a Mayor

The Mayor would form a direct and lasting relationship with government to champion region and access new and greater amounts of funding

The LEP will be putting forward projects to all candidates for the new Mayor so the first year funding can be ready for the Mayor and combined Authority so no time will be wasted.

### Other business

The Route Map to Carbon Negative was discussed as part of all the LEP work. It was stated that the Map is not a LEP plan it is for the region. Every individual, community and business has a role to deliver.

**Yvonne Peacock  
November 2022**

## Appendix 3

### Annual Report of Member Champion for Corporate Management

Key areas of my activity have been:

1. Membership of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion working group, reviewing progress and supporting the team in this area of work.
2. Attendance at Member Champion meeting in support of the Chair and other Member Champions.
3. Chaired the meeting of Member Champions Wednesday 15 June 2022 as the Chair was not available.
4. In addition, through Unison Richard Burnett became aware that Hambleton District Council had provided support to staff by implementing an early pay rise of 2% and also increased mileage claim amounts to support staff. This sharing of best practice helped YDNPA to decide on its position and the steps to take to support staff.
5. Review of Anti-Fraud Bribery & Corruption Policy.
6. Input to the Finance and Resources quarterly meetings which cuts across Deputy Chair and Member Champion roles.
7. Review of Financial Resilience Assessment.
8. Input to Confidential Reporting Policy.
9. Review of the Procurement Strategy.
10. Commented on Annual Governance Statement.

My responsibilities as Member Champion has helped me support the Chairman and CEO in meetings with North York Moors NPA and Friends of the Dales.

On behalf of Neil Heseltine, I also chaired the Parish Hustings in May. It was for South Lakeland, Cumbria and Lancashire. Libby Bateman was chosen. Attended the Neurodiversity in the Workplace course.

**Julie Hutton,**

**November 2022**