

**Date: 28 March 2023****Report: CHAIR'S REPORT**

## **ENGAGEMENTS**

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

### **Events**

- The Member Champion for Development Management attended the official opening of the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre on my behalf. The Centre has been developed by Craven District Council with funding support from the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

### **Meetings**

- Two DEFRA funding consultation meetings with National Parks Partnership.
- As Deputy Chair of National Parks England, monthly briefings involving the NPE Chair, Deputy, Lead NPO and Director of NPE.
- A meeting between Chairs and CEOs of National Association of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NAAONB); National Parks England and Natural England which discussed delivery of the Joint Agreement; the latest position on Landscapes, Parks and Trails Partnership; Nature Recovery Network and forthcoming spring visit to Dorset AONB.
- Chaired two meetings of Member Champions.
- An update meeting with the Chair of National Parks Partnership (NPP) on the NPP and NAAONB bid to Defra.
- A National Parks England Board meeting.
- Hosted Mark Corner at my farm to discuss public transport
- Attended Craven District Council's online Let's Talk case study and media event. This involved 8 councils working together to ask constituents what is important to them as the new Unitary council comes into being.
- Discussion with Lead NPO for National Parks England on BSAS (British Society of Animal Science) conference.
- Chaired a meeting of Revere woodland platform involving farmers.
- Along with the CEO, Deputy Chair and senior officers, a liaison meeting with Friends of the Dales.
- Along with the Senior Farming officer, attended an initial discussion meeting with North Yorkshire Council to discuss framework for a food strategy.

- Regular National Park England Informal Chair's/Deputy meetings with the Lead NPO and Director of National Parks England
- A meeting with the Conservation Support Officer (Wildlife) on Nature Recovery Plan re-drafting.
- An NPE Meeting on the review of National Parks England.

**The Deputy Chair has attended the following on my behalf:**

Richmondshire District Council Annual Civic Reception and End of Authority Dinner.

**Neil Heseltine  
Chair**

Background documents: None  
14 March 2023