

Date: 27 June 2023**Report: REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

1. ENGAGEMENTS

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

Media

- BBC Radio York interview to publicise the Authority's Transport statement.

Events

- Presented at the Yorkshire Heritage Guardians Summit in Saltaire on the role of England's National Parks and Protected Landscapes in conserving the Nation's and the Region's landscape heritage, whilst delivering wider environmental, well-being and health benefits.
- Attended a Chairman's reception at The Station, Richmond - celebrating the launch of the 2023 Swaledale Festival.
- Gave a presentation to Richmond Civic Society on Climate and Nature in the National Park.
- An SMT site visit at Aysgarth Falls to look at a potential access scheme and its impact.

Meetings

- Along with Mr Mitchell, a meeting with Tim Farron MP to discuss matters of mutual interest.
- New Member Induction attended by North Yorkshire Councillors: Steve Shaw-Wright; Simon Myers; David Noland; and Westmorland & Furness Councillors: Graham Simpkins and Phil Dew.
- CEO's of northern National Parks to discuss NPAs role in Nature North.
- An English CEOs awayday held in Peak District where the following was discussed: how can work most effectively as a unit; the implications of the NPE review on our responsibilities as NPAs and the direction in which to take the NPE manifesto.
- An English National Park Officers meeting specifically to discuss how to influence emerging party political Manifestos.
- A meeting with the Defra consultants to update on phase 1 of Defra's NPA income generation project.
- A meeting with the Transport portfolio holder at North Yorkshire Council, Keane Duncan, to discuss the NPAs recently published Transport Statement.

- A meeting with the Dartmoor NPA CEO to discuss the role of National Park charities in income generation.
- A meeting with the Lake District CEO to discuss the relationship with partner bodies in the changing Cumbria political landscape.
- A meeting with representatives of Hudson House to discuss the NPAs future role.
- Europarc Atlantic Isles meeting with EAI Development Advisor.
- The spring Southern Parishes Forum meeting held at Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton, chaired by Neil Heseltine. Topics for discussion were: Visitor numbers /visitor management; Local Plan update; and update on Projects. The Forum was attended by 15 representatives from 10 parishes.
- CEO day with Area Manager (South) to see and discuss current issues.
- Meeting with new CEO of Westmorland & Furness Council to discuss future working relationship and joint agendas.
- The spring Northern Parishes Forum held at Thoraby Village Hall and Chaired by Allen Kirkbride. Topics for discussion were: Visitor numbers /visitor management; Local Plan update; and update on Projects. The Forum was attended by 6 representatives from 4 parishes.
- An introductory meeting with representatives of Active Travel England to discuss joint working with English National Park Authorities.
- English CEO Group to discuss; Party Manifestoes, NPUK Comms Review, update on NPE changes, Active Travel England.
- A meeting of the NPUK Chairs Forum to discuss UK Communications Review; agree any actions from current priorities; to note the paper on the members' induction; to agree the meeting arrangements for the Lake District visit and meeting in September and an update on the NPUK Conference in Northumberland in 2024.
- A further meeting with the Defra Consultants looking at Income Generation - to discuss specific Yorkshire Dales NPA opportunities.
- The NPE AGM and Board meeting: Election of Chair for NPE: Neil Heseltine Chair of YDNPA was elected Chair; Election of Deputy Chair for NPE: Vanessa Rowlands Chair of South Downs NPA was elected Deputy Chair. Agenda items were: Approval of NPE's Accounts; Approval of 2023/24/ Business Plan; Chair's report; Executive Director's report; NPE Review; Update on Standing Orders and UK Communications Review.
- Europarc Atlantic Isles Board Meeting – agenda items included: Governance: a review of Memorandum and Articles; Finance update including membership fees paid; Progress on the strategy review and priorities for the next 6 months; Advocacy issues; Events update; Europarc Federation Sections partnership agreement; Europarc Conference; Europarc Federation commissions and task forces.

2. ISSUES FOR MEMBERS TO NOTE

Chief Executive delegated decision under the Scheme of Delegation to Committees and Officers (Terms of Reference) 2021

The scheme of delegation C1.1 enables the CEO to authorise urgent action requiring an immediate decision on any matter, subject to consultation with the Chair of the Authority or the Chair of the appropriate Committee to which the function is delegated and to a subsequent report to the Authority or Committee. The summary below details the decision that has been made under the urgency provisions and the reasons for that decision.

Date	Delegated Decision	Reasons for decision taken
05/04/23	To appoint Richard Foster to the successor to the Local Government York North Yorkshire and East Riding (LGYNYER) Housing Board until the AGM on 27 June 2023.	To enable the Authority to be represented on this strategic partnership.

David Butterworth
Chief Executive

Background documents: None

8 June 2023