

25 March 2025

Chief Executive's Report

Engagements

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

Events

- A presentation to Malham & Airton Women's Institute.
- Training course for Managers on Preventing Sexual Harassment at Work.
- Co-opted Young Members Induction Day.
- A Green Alliance webinar on the impact of the Government's budget statement.
- Member Induction session with Dr Michael Hanley.
- A bi-monthly staff webinar which included updates on Society of National Park Staff; Emerging Local Plan and Pennine Trails and 60th Anniversary of the Pennine Way.
- Conducted annual appraisals with 5 staff.

Meetings

- Three meetings of National Park's Active Travel England (ATE) Capability Fund to discuss progress on delivering the 2024/25 plans and future working relationships.
- NPA Annual Review Meeting with Defra Officials.
- A meeting with Yorkshire Water executives: Tim Hawkins, Director of Strategy and Regulation [who oversees biodiversity and ecology teams] and Claire Green, Manager of Environmental Planning and Governance [Strategic Planning Resources, Environment and Investment]-Strategy and Regulation. Agenda items included: YW wastewater treatment plant discharges and their plans are for dealing with each of these sites; housing sites sewerage capacity; capital funding; Plans for executing the LURA s245 duty; Further Access possibilities at Grimwith Reservoir; YW's 'by your side' strategy - to research partnering a health and wellbeing in nature programme for the customers they identify as needing extra wellbeing support.
- Four English National Park Officers Group meetings to discuss a number of issues but principally the future funding/programmes of NPAs.
- NPE Board meeting which discussed: National Parks England Quarter 3 Financial Report; Budget scenarios for 2025/26; and practical arrangements for NPE Board meetings.

- Along with the Chair, and Colleagues from the North York Moors NPA, a catchup meeting with the Leader and CEO from North Yorkshire Council.
- A meeting with the Investors in People Assessor to discuss the recent assessment and future programme.
- Green Alliance Meeting.
- An introductory meeting with the Head of the Police's National Rural Crime Unit.
- A meeting of North Yorkshire Chief Executive's Group which covered North Yorkshire Council's Planning and National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Update; North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council Budget Update; Partner Update: North Yorkshire Police; and York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (YNYCA) Update.
- A National Park England Chairs and CEO's catchup meeting to discuss the response to the Grant Settlement.
- Cumbria Strategic Partners meeting in Penrith (agenda unknown at the time of preparing this report).

ISSUES FOR MEMBERS TO NOTE

Chief Executive delegated decision under the Scheme of Delegation to Committees and Officers (Terms of Reference) December 2022 (as amended 26 March 2024 and 9 December 2024)

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 decisions that have been made under the urgency provisions and the reasons for that decision.

Date	Delegated Decision	Reasons for decision taken
06/01/2025	To appoint Liz Appleton Hall to Planning Committee, Audit and Review Committee and as Deputy Chair of Audit and Review Committee.	The decision reinstates the position agreed by Members at Authority in June 2024 and Audit and Review Committee in July 2024 and ensures continuity of Authority business.
15/01/2025	To reimburse the co-opted young Member in full for their reasonable travel expenses to Authority meetings, Committee meetings and other in person events.	The decision ensures that the co-opted young Member is not financially disadvantaged.

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Chief Executive