



Agenda

Meeting: Annual General Meeting

Venue: The Old Vicarage, Bondgate, Helmsley, YO62 5BP

Date: Monday 19 June 2023, 9.30am

Business

1. Election of Chair to take office until the next annual general meeting of the Authority
2. Election of Deputy Chair to take office until the next annual general meeting of the Authority
3. Apologies for absence
4. Public minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023 (pg 1)
5. Public question time (an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions.) (pg 7)
6. Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to declare the nature of any personal, prejudicial and/or disclosable interests relating to any agenda item immediately prior to its consideration and are encouraged to complete a written declaration using the form provided.
7. Emergency evacuation procedure – The chair to inform members of the public of the emergency evacuation procedure.
8. Exclusion of the public from the meeting during consideration of Item No 20 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 & 2, of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.
9. Changes to Standing Orders, Scheme of Delegation and Financial Regulations (pg 8)
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10. Membership of Committees and Outside Bodies (pg 12)
11. S106 Annual report (pg 18)
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13. Health and Wellbeing Engagement Strategy (pg 43)
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Reports for information

14. Chief Executive Officer update (pg 47)
15. Report from FRASC Chair (pg 50)
16. Feedback from lead Members on Forums – verbal (pg 51)
17. Reports from Members on outside bodies (pg 52)
18. On the record (pg 54)
19. Parish Forum update (pg 57)

Private business – minutes/reports circulated to Members only

20. Appointment of Monitoring Officer
21. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

Tom Hind

Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

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- Tea and coffee will be available a quarter of an hour before the meeting.
- Lunch will be available at approximately 12.30 pm. Members taking lunch will have the appropriate amount deducted from any subsistence claim they may make.
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Item 4, Public Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023

Present:

Jim Bailey, Malcolm Bowes, Janet Frank, David Hugill, Bob Marley, Heather Moorhouse, Sarah Oswald, John Ritchie, Colin Williamson

Apologies:

Peter Berry, Guy Coulson, Patrick James, David Jeffels, Abida Nayyar, Clive Pearson, Christine Robertson, Subash Sharma

Officers in attendance:

Tom Hind (Chief Executive), Ian Nicholls (Director of Corporate Services), Briony Fox (Director of Conservation and Climate Change), Chris France (Director of Planning), Michael Graham (Director of Recreation and Well Being), Pete Williams (Chief Finance Officer), Lucas St John (Commercial Manager), Sally Ann Smith (Gallery Curator and Events Co-Ordinator), Judith Seaton (Executive Support)

Copies of all documents considered are in the minute book

01/23 Minutes

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2022, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

02/23 Public question time

There were no questions from members of the public.

03/23 Members Interests

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal and prejudicial interests relating to any agenda item prior to its consideration.

04/23 Exclusion of the public

Resolved: That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Item 20. On the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1,3,5, & 9 of Part 1 Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

05/23 Business Plan Milestones for 2023/24

Considered:

The report of the Head of Strategic Policy

Members discussed:

- Signage has not progressed as well as expected but hope to progress soon.
- Sustainable Lastingham scheme if successful will become an exemplar of net zero in a deep rural area.
- The milestones are looked at every 6 months at NPA and quarterly at FRASC.

Resolved: That Members note the revised set of annual Strategy and Business Plan milestones for the next financial year 2023/24 and offer any comments.

06/23 Budget 2023/2024

Considered:

The report of the Chief Finance Officer

Members commented:

- Coach parking should be increased by more than the suggested amount.
- Car parking fees are new income and not savings.
- Overnight parking for campervans is being investigated.
- Proposals for the allocation of the additional funding from Defra of £440k to be discussed with Members.
- Supporting businesses and livelihoods through our work is something to be proud off. The Authority has focussed on earning income where possible with core grant only a third of our spend.

Action: Allocation of the additional Defra funding of £440k to be discussed.

Resolved: That Members approve the 2023/24 budget.

07/23 Final Governance review

Considered:

The report of the Chief Executive

Members commented:

- EDI is welcomed and co-opting representatives of these groups is to be considered and investigation of any voting powers within the Authority Standing Orders.
- The reinvigorated Forums and their role in scrutiny is welcome.
- Important to improve attendance at meetings as a priority. Members to have input into topics for training days and seminars.
- Livestreaming of meetings to be added to Appendix A.

Resolved: That Members approve the changes and recommendations set out in Appendix A of this report – with the addition of livestreaming of meetings. That Members delegate to Officers the task of revising and updating the Authority's Scheme of Delegation and the Standing Orders to be approved by Members at the AGM and NPA in June.

08/23 Health and Safety update

Considered:

The report of the Director of Corporate Services

Members discussed:

- Officers working from home 50% is working well with flexibility around this.
- Volunteers are a success with Voluntary Rangers integrating into the volunteer service. Noted that 2 Voluntary Rangers were awarded 50 years of service.

Resolved: That Members comment on and approve the proposed Health and Safety action Plan for 2023/4 and note the wider contents of this report.

09/23 Trust update

Considered:

The report of the Director of the North York Moors National Park Trust

Members commented:

- Trust looking to become more self-sufficient, building partnerships with other organisations and less reliant on support from the NPA.
- The Trust Director was thanked for her work over the year.

Resolved: That Members note the contents of the report making any comments that they wish.

11.20 The meeting took a break

11.30 The meeting reconvened

10/23 Prudential code for Capital Finance and Treasury Management

Considered:

The report of the Chief Finance Officer

Resolved: That Members:

- approve the Annual Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24 as detailed in Appendix B, including the Prudential Indicators set out in Section 3, and the Minimum Revenue Provision policy set out in Section 9 of that Strategy;
- adopt the Annual Investment Strategy agreed by the Council for 2023/24;
- approve the authorised borrowing limit of £427.6k for 2023/24, under section 3(i) of the Local Government Act 2003 as set out in Appendix B;
- confirm the delegation to the Chief Finance Officer, as agreed in previous years, for the following matters:
 - any need to effect changes between the separate agreed limits for borrowing and other long-term liabilities (such as finance leases) in accordance with option

appraisal, value for money or other relevant factors. This applies to the Prudential Indicators in Appendix B;

- b) decisions to borrow from the PWLB and money markets at the most advantageous rate, as set out in Appendix B.
- c) approve the Capital Strategy as set out in Appendix C.

11/23 Organisational Development Plan

Considered:

The report of the Director of Corporate Services

Members commented:

- Looking after the 800 volunteers and acknowledging their work is important.
- Staff turnover is relatively low, training is always needed to continue to retain staff.
- Retention of apprentices should be encouraged - ranger restructure has created some opportunities.
- End of project staff can be considered for vacancies on new projects.

Resolved: That Members make any suggestions that they wish to about the proposed Organisational Development Plan and approve it.

12/23 On the Record

Considered:

The report of the Executive Support Team Leader

Resolved: That Members endorse the shortlisting and interview panel for the Independent Member recruitment and appointment to be Tom Hind, Jim Bailey and Lisa Dixon.

13/23 Corporate Risk Register

Considered:

The report of the Director of Corporate Services

Resolved: That Members note the contents of the report and the appendix, making any comments they wish to.

14/23 Inspiring creativity – A strategy for Arts and Culture 2022 - 2027

Considered:

The report of the Director of Recreation and Wellbeing and the Gallery Curator and Events Manager

Members commented:

- The Strategy will help to develop funding bids.

- The Strategy is part of the Authority branding to highlight links with art and literature.
- Good to see reference to planning policy regarding public art in the landscape.

Resolved: That Members note and approve the content and comment on the Strategy

15/23 Chief Executive’s update

Considered:

The report of the Chief Executive

Resolved: That Members note the content of this report making any comments that they wish to

16/23 Feedback from lead Members on Forums

Considered:

The report of the Executive Support Team Leader

Sarah Oswald indicated the next ARB Forum would be led by the Outdoor Learning Team

Resolved: That the report be noted by Members

17/23 Reports from Members on outside bodies

Considered:

The report of the Executive Support Team Leader

Sarah Oswald reported on the DAG meeting on 3 March. The minutes will be uploaded to the Members’ Extranet shortly.

The LGNYY and East Riding Housing Board had the final meeting on 6 March. This will be continued as an advisory meeting which will have officer and member representation.

Resolved: That the report be noted by Members

18/23 Other business

There was no other business discussed.

.....(Chair)
19 June 2023

Public Summary of Items considered "in private" at the meeting of the North York Moors National Park Authority on 20 March 2023

Private minutes

Members agreed that the private minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2022, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

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Item 5, Public Question Time

When?

Public Question Time will be at the beginning of each meeting, immediately after the Minutes of any previous meeting have been agreed, and will be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes of questions and answers in total.

What?

- Only questions will be allowed and these must relate to the business of the Authority
- Any questioner will be limited to two minutes maximum speaking time
- Supplementary questions will only be allowed for purposes of clarifying an earlier answer
- If answers cannot be provided on the day a reply in writing will be offered

How?

Any questions must be delivered in writing to the Head of Corporate Services at least two clear working days before the meeting. The Chair will then call questioners at the meeting in the order questions were received.

Answers to questions will normally be given by the Chair.

Exclusions?

No question relating to an individual recipient of services will be allowed, as appropriate alternative channels exist for such inquiries.

The opportunity to ask questions under this scheme does not apply to staff or their representatives, since other mechanisms are available.

No questions can be accepted which relate to matters which would normally be dealt with in private session because they relate to exempt information, for example:-

- Legal actions
- Financial and business affairs of other organisations
- Individual members of staff
- Trade Union negotiations

No questions can be accepted where there is a statutory procedure in place for public consultation, for example:-

- Development control matters
- Traffic regulation orders
- Public rights of way orders, etc

Notice of questions should be sent to :

Head of Corporate Services, National Park Office, Old Vicarage, Bondgate, Helmsley, YO62 5BP. Tel: 01439 772700.

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Item 9, Periodic review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To seek Members' approval of proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation and Financial Regulations, with no changes proposed to Standing Orders.

2. Background

- 2.1 A review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Scheme of Delegation was last carried out in 2020. Revised versions of the Financial Regulations and the Scheme of Delegation were approved by Full Authority on 27 July 2020 and came into effect on 1 September 2020. It is sensible to carry out periodic reviews at appropriate intervals. In addition, the Authority approved recommendations resulting from the Officer-led review of the Authority's governance arrangements in March of this year and those recommendations require some changes to the Scheme of Delegation. Also, the correct titles 'Director of Conservation & Climate Change', 'Director of Recreation & Wellbeing' and 'Director of Corporate Services' need including in the Scheme of Delegation and Financial Regulations.
- 2.2 In accordance with Standing Order 28 any variation of Standing Orders shall be discussed and resolved over two Authority meetings. It is sensible to align any variation of the Financial Regulations and the Scheme of Delegation with that process. The FRASC meeting on 22 May considered a Report on proposed changes, made some slight amendments, and approved the changes contained in this Report and Appendices, for final approval by this AGM.

3. Proposed Changes to the Scheme of Delegation

- 3.1 At **Appendix 1** is the Authority's existing Scheme of Delegation with proposed changes highlighted.

- 3.2 The proposed main changes are for the following reasons,

Annex A- A1- Full Authority remit- to emphasise the overall scrutiny role and include a wide power to co-opt non-voting representatives,

Annex A- A3- FRASC Performance remit- to emphasise the scrutiny role,

Annex A- A3- remove superfluous references to "Substitutes",

Annex A- old A4- removal of the Urgency Committee. The Chief Executive's existing 'General Delegated Power' power (at Annex B, para 14) does away with the need for this Committee,

Annex A- new A4- to show correct membership of the Review Panel,

Annex B- throughout, remove superfluous use of “National Park Officer”

Annex B (4(3) & 7a(ix)) and Annex C (B9, C4, D4)- to increase financial thresholds for Chief Executive and Director approval from £20,000 to £40,000, to provide greater flexibility and keep pace with increasing costs/prices,

Annex B, 9(A)o- to allow appropriate handling of superseded S106 obligations and recognition of the impact of the new Development Plan,

Annex B, 9(C)- for Prior Approval applications, to avoid a default approval where a relevant time limit would otherwise be exceeded,

Annex C, A 5 and B 7-to extend the Directors’ delegated power to include confirmation of a Tree Preservation Order where there are no objections to confirmation,

Annex C, B 12-to include the recent Boulby Mine/Cleveland Potash S106,

Annex C, C 7-to include the “to engage” power available to other Directors,

Annex C, D 7- to remove duplication,

Annex D – removal of the Management Plan Group,

-new name and amended remit of the Conservation and Climate Change Forum,

-new name and amended remit of the Recreation and Wellbeing Forum,

-removal of the Primary Land Users Working Group, which is replaced by the inclusion of the Management Plan Stakeholder Forum,

-inclusion of the new Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Group.

3.3 The FRASC meeting on 22 May considered the present Quorums of the Authority, FRASC and Planning Committee meetings, which could be changed but are satisfactory and resolved that no changes were required.

4. Proposed changes to Financial Regulations

4.1 At **Appendix 2** are the Authority’s existing Financial Regulations with proposed changes highlighted.

4.2 The proposed changes are for the following reasons,

Sections 1.3 and 4- EU and WTO GPA references- to recognise the impact of departure from the EU and the change from EU to WTO GPA procurement requirements and the on-going process of change within that, whilst also retaining the pragmatic and necessary provisions of section 1.3,

Sections 4.53 and 4.58- to increase the threshold for Director approval of expenditure from £20,000 to £40,000 to align with the change suggested above to the Scheme of Delegation,

Throughout- to include the correct title 'Director of Corporate Services'.

- 4.3 The FRASC meeting on 22 May agreed with Officers recommendation that no further changes are required to Financial Regulations in relation to EU and WTO GPA references at this time. There will almost certainly be significant new UK procurement legislation brought into force in early 2024 which could necessitate significant changes to the Financial Regulations, and Officers believe it is appropriate to deal with the process of making those further changes to Financial Regulations at that time.

5. No proposed changes to Standing Orders

- 5.1 Officers do not believe changes are required to Standing Orders at this time.
- 5.2 As part of the review of the Authority's governance arrangements Full Authority on 20 March 2023 approved the livestreaming of all public Committee meetings. The FRASC meeting on 22 May agreed with Officers recommendation that it is better, at this time, not to make this a requirement in the Standing Orders and to leave it as an operational matter in case technical issues prevent livestreaming at any time.

6. Financial and staffing implications

- 6.1 The proposals in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Report would improve the operational effectiveness of the Scheme of Delegation and Financial Regulations.

7. Legal and sustainability implications

- 7.1 There are no significant risks or legal implications stemming from this report.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1 To approve the proposals in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of this report.

Contact Officer:
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Background documents to this report

1. Existing Standing Orders

Appendices 1 & 2 to item 9, have been uploaded as a separate items

North York Moors National Park Authority

Date 19 June 2023

Item 10, Membership of Committees, Forums and Outside Bodies

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To agree the appointment of Members to Committees, Forums and Outside Bodies.

2. Background

2.1 The Membership of Committees, Forums and appointments to Outside Bodies is revised annually.

3. Committees and Forums

3.1 Members have been consulted as to their preferences for membership of Committees and Forums. Appendices 1 and 2 detail the preferences which have been received by Officers at the time of writing the report, the two appendices also indicate where there is likely to be a vote required on membership where places are already oversubscribed. A request for further nominations or for nominations where there are insufficient nominations to fill all the vacancies will also be made at the meeting.

3.2 The appendix indicates whether, on the basis of current nominations a vote will be required for the Authority's Committees and Forums as summarised below:

- Recreation and Wellbeing Forum – 1 SoS required: vote required for Local Authority
- Conservation and Climate Change Forum – vote required for Local Authority
- Finance, Risk, Audit and Standards Committee – vote required for SoS; 1 required for Local Authority
- Management Plan Stakeholder Forum – complete
- Personnel Appeals Panel – 1 required for Local Authority

3.3 Chief Executives Review Group – The Chair, Deputy Chair of the Authority and Chair of FRASC are automatically members of this group.

4. Authority representation on outside bodies

4.1 Members also need to decide who amongst them should be appointed to the outside bodies listed in the document attached at Appendix 2, which also details Members expressed preferences to date.

6. Recommendation

6.1 That Members:

Determine membership of the Committees, Forums, listed in Appendix 1.

Determine the Authority's representatives on outside bodies, listed in Appendix 2.

Note point 3.3 of the report.

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Executive Support Team Leader

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Appendix 1, Membership Choices 2023-24

Recreation and Wellbeing Forum (RW)

Membership, including Ex-officio Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority

	Sec of State	Sec of State Parish	R&CBC	NYC
Names		Bob Marley (2nd)	John McCue (2nd)	Clive Pearson (1st)
		Malcolm Bowes (2nd)		Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff
				David Jeffels (1st)
				Bridget Fortune (1st)
Number of members	3		3	
	1 required		Vote required	
Total membership	6			

Conservation & Climate Change Forum (CCC)

Membership, including Ex-officio Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority

	Sec of State	Sec of State Parish	R&CBC	NYC
Names	Patrick James (1st)	Bob Marley (1st)	John McCue (1st)	Clive Pearson (2nd)
	Christine Robertson (1 st)			Arnold Warneken (1st)
				Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff
				David Jeffels (1st or 2nd)
Number of members	3		3	
	Complete		Vote required	
Total membership	6			

Finance, Risk, Audit and Standards Committee (FRAS)

Membership, including Ex-officio Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority

	Sec of State	Sec of State Parish	R&CBC	NYC
Names	Patrick James (1st)	Bob Marley (1st)		John Ritchie (1st)
	Christine Robertson (1st)	Malcolm Bowes (1st)		Heather Moorhouse (1st)
		Colin Williamson (1st)		Clive Pearson (1st)
				David Jeffels (1st)
Number of members	4		5	
	Vote required		1 required	
Total membership	9			
Quorum	5 (includes at least one Sec of State and one Local Authority Member)			

Management Plan Stakeholder Forum (annual meeting)

	Sec of State	Sec of State Parish	R&CBC	NYC
Names	Patrick James (1st)	Colin Williamson (2nd)		Heather Moorhouse
				David Jeffels (2nd)
Number of members	4			
	Complete			
Total membership	4			
Quorum				

Personnel Appeals Panel

	Sec of State	Sec of State Parish	R&CBC	NYC
Names		Bob Marley (2nd)		Clive Pearson (2nd)
		Colin Williamson (2nd)		
Number of members	2		2	
	complete		1 required	
Total membership	4			
Quorum	3 (includes at least one Sec of State and one Local Authority Member)			

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Group

	Sec of State	Sec of State Parish	R&CBC	NYC
Names				John Ritchie (2nd)
				Arnold Warneken (2nd)
				David Jeffels (2nd)
				Bridget Fortune (1st)
Number of members	3			
			Vote required	
Total membership	3			

Appendix 2, North York Moors National Park Authority Representation on Outside Bodies 2023-24

- **Campaign for National Parks** (1 representative) – **Bob Marley (1st), David Jeffels (1st), Christine Robertson (2nd)** **vote required**
- **Farming in Protected Landscapes Panel** (Authority Chair and Deputy Chair)
- **Local Access Forum** (1 representative) – **Bob Marley (2nd)**
- **Local Government, North Yorkshire, York and East Riding Housing Board** (1 representative and 1 substitute) – **Clive Pearson (2nd), Bob Marley (2nd)**
- **RAF Fylingdales Liaison Group** (Authority Chair, Deputy Chair and Chair of Planning and **2 Members required**) – **Joy Andrews (1st), Clive Pearson (1st), Bob Marley (1st) Colin Williamson (1st), Bridget Fortune (2nd)** **vote required**

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19 June 2023

Item 11, S106 Projects Annual Summary

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To provide a summary report on the Authority's work on the implementation of the s106 agreements related to the development of the Woodsmith Mine and the operation of Boulby Mine.

2. Woodsmith Mine – Anglo American (AA)

- 2.1 Work continues on the development of the Woodsmith Mine site with shaft sinking operations taking place at the Woodsmith site and Ladycross Plantation. Tunnelling is progressing and has reached approximately 23km (just west of Lealholm). A Third Deed of Variation was completed this year to align the priorities for s106 spend on Landscape and Ecology to the new National Park Management Plan. Officers continue to liaise regularly with Anglo American to ensure that the development complies with Planning conditions and to address any issues raised by the community in relation to the development.
- 2.2 Spend on the key s106 contributions has made good progress. Projects supported under Landscape and Ecology are shown on the infographic in appendix 1. 18 new woodland creation projects delivering nearly 60ha of new woodland have been delivered under the Core Policy D contribution (appendix 2). Total woodland created to date is 245.32ha through 61 agreements. The Tourism contribution has delivered marketing and promotional activity around our Platinum anniversary with highlights including the Muslim Hikers event, the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Byland, an extensive Dark Skies festival and fringe and the Tour of Britain cycle event. Our campaign with VE/VB has focused on accessibility and supporting North York Moors suppliers of tourism experiences. The former Scarborough Borough Council also delivered a number of events including Fish and Ships and the winter festival in Whitby. Twenty local businesses have benefited from our Local Tourism Business Grant. In the absence of a replacement for Welcome to Yorkshire, we agreed with AA that we would deliver that contribution alongside our other s106 tourism work. This arrangement is planned to be permanently changed through a Fourth Deed of Variation to the s106 agreement this year.
- 2.3 For the smaller contributions, Geology and Archaeology are both delivering PhD research projects with the universities of Leeds and York respectively. The Scarborough Employment contribution has supported 529 people into employment/self-employment, 336 people into education or training and 59 into volunteering. For the contributions to the (former) NYCC Esk Valley railway line, the number of trains running from Middlesbrough to Whitby is still at a restricted

capacity due to staff shortages. The aim is to allow increased capacity up to 7 trains per day by 2025 with further work required beyond that to deliver the maximum of 8. The project for the installation of strategic tourism signage has been delayed by 2 years due to capacity at NYCC in the run up to the formation of NYC but progress is now being made and it is expected that this will complete this year. Failure to complete this project could result in nearly £500k being returned to Anglo American under the terms of the s106 agreement.

3. Boulby Mine - ICL

- 3.1 Planning Permission for a 25 year extension of the period for working Polyhalite and salt was granted in May 2022. This was accompanied by a s106 agreement with contributions being made to offset impacts on Landscape, Tourism & Heritage along with a contribution to monitoring the development and one to offset carbon through peat restoration project, in lieu of direct compliance with ENV8 (Renewable Energy).
- 3.2 The past year has mainly seen the development of a suite of projects and works developed to utilise the contributions. The contributions have been made in two stages with Monitoring and Heritage being delivered in June 2022 and the other contributions in January 2023.
- 3.3 Officers continue to liaise regularly to ensure that the development complies with Planning conditions and to address any issues raised by the community in relation to the development.

4. Financial and staffing implications

- 4.1 A financial summary for year six and a budget for year seven for the Woodsmith Mine is included in Appendix 3.
- 4.2 As the Authority moves towards a more project based operational model, the s106 resources are typically blended with other funding sources (although financially accounted for separately) and integrated into more holistic programmes and projects that deliver our business plan objectives. Because of this, it is proposed that in future, reporting expenditure, project development and scrutiny of s106 monies is undertaken through the Conservation and Climate Change and Recreation and Wellbeing forums rather than an annual report to NPA.

5. Contribution to National Park Management Plan

- 5.1 The activities delivered through the delivery of the s106 agreement deliver against the objectives of the 2022 management plan specified in Schedule 4 of the s106 agreement as amended by the Third supplemental deed (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19).

6. Legal and sustainability implications

- 6.1 Appropriate management of the collection and payment of the Section 106 monies is necessary to ensure delivery of the identified compensation and mitigation elements in accordance with the express terms of the S106 Agreement and general Section 106 principles.
- 6.2 As the monies are from a private source and are regulated and repayable in accordance with the S106 provisions, the Authority does not have discretion to allocate payments for materially different purposes other than addressing or compensating for any residual impacts on landscape, tranquillity, special qualities and ecology related to specific elements of the National Park Management Plan, for carbon sequestration or for compensating for any impacts on the tourism economy by marketing and promoting the North York Moors as a tourism destination.
- 6.3 Subsidy Control issues are not expected to arise for any of the contributions if those parameters are adhered to. Should issues around subsidy control arise, the Authority should be able to process/manage/record them, for example through de minimis and Special Drawing Rights arrangements. To monitor and manage risk the Authority will continue to determine and monitor the appropriate value of payments to be made.

7. Recommendation

- 7.1 Members note the report and agree that future monitoring and oversight of s106 spend should be led via the Conservation and Climate Change and Recreation and Wellbeing forums.

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59.47

hectares of woodland creation

38,537

trees planted



2,100 m

of traditional boundaries restored



3

studies, reports and plans



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tourism businesses or schemes supported



North York Moors National Park

Woodsmith Mine Compensation and Mitigation

40 projects delivered in 2022/23



267

landscape trees



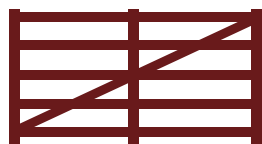
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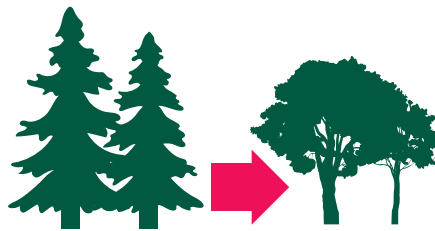
of Public Rights of Way improved or enhanced

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access improvement installed



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hectares of woodland and forestry enhancement



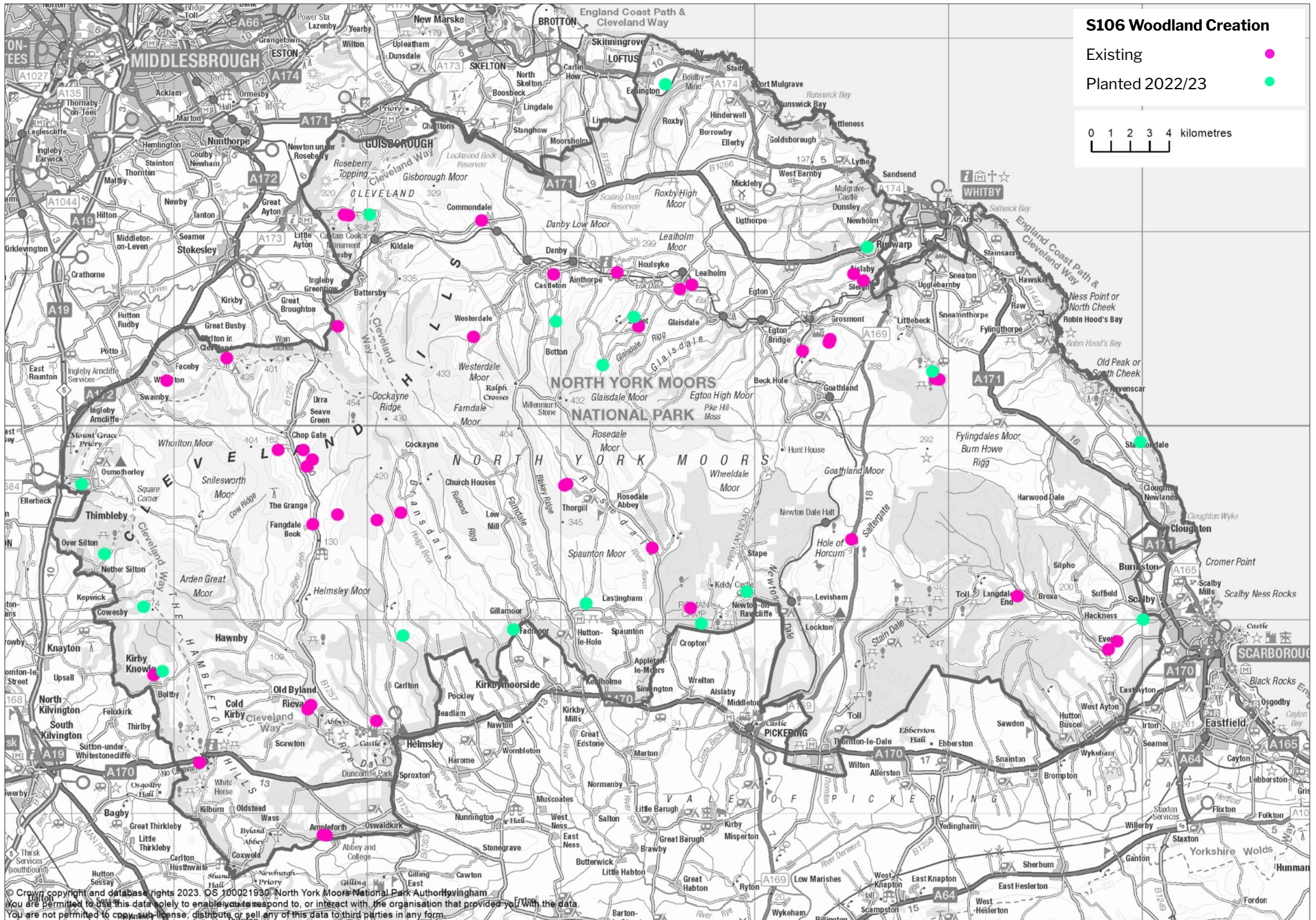
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degraded heritage assets protected, renovated or restored

13.69

hectares of natural environment management, creation and enhancement





Appendix 3, Summary of s106 Finance (Woodsmith Mine) 2022/23

Full year 6 May 22 -April 23

Contribution	CF from year 5	Income Y6	Expenditure Y6	CF to Y7	Income Y7	Total Budget Y7
Landscape & Ecology	532,854.05	725,381.39	581,271.82	676,963.62	832,239.88	1,509,203.50
Core Policy D	1,122,798.62	826,387.28	877,198.61	1,071,987.29	948,121.39	2,020,108.68
Tourism - Welcome to Yorkshire	228,890.73	244,855.49	207,165.36	266,580.86	280,924.86	547,505.72
Tourism Visit England/Visit Britain	-1.00	122,427.75	122,430.00	-3.25	140,462.43	140,459.18
Tourism SBC (Whitby)	0.00	61,213.87	61,213.87	0.00	70,231.21	70,231.21
Tourism NYMNP	59,139.80	122,427.75	111,397.16	70,170.39	140,462.43	210,632.82
Tourism Impact Review	-1.00	88,817.00	88,817.00	-1.00	97,787.00	97,786.00
Tourism Business Grant	39,085.92	61,213.87	74,220.55	26,079.24	70,231.21	96,310.45
Tourism Signage	489,710.98	0.00	0	489,710.98	0.00	489,710.98
Archaeology	69,144.73	27,546.24	47,029.56	49,661.41	31,604.05	81,265.46
Geology	18,630.10	27,546.24	354.15	45,822.19	31,604.05	77,426.24
Scarborough Employment Opportunities	0.00	48,971.10	48,971.10	0.00	56,184.97	56,184.97
Monitoring	37,359.94	133,950.00	103,103.77	68,206.17	140,500.00	208,706.17
Totals	2,597,612.87	2,490,737.98	2,323,172.95	2,765,177.90	2,840,353.48	5,605,531.38

North York Moors National Park Authority

19 June 2023

Item 12, National Park Authority Business Plan – Annual Report

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To report on progress against the Authority's Strategy and Business Plan after the first year of its operation.

2. Background

2.1 The Authority's current Strategy and Business Plan was approved by National Park Authority (NPA) Members on 21 March 2022. An important part of NPA's scrutiny role is to oversee the delivery of the plan.

2.2 It sets out key priorities for the organisation over five years from 2022/3 to 2026/27. The Plan sets out the Authority's contribution to delivering the National Park Management Plan but also sets corporate objectives that support our strategy to grow the Authority and be a high profile, contemporary organisation that's fit for purpose.

2.3 Accompanying each 5-year objective in the Management is a set of annual milestones that are reviewed twice a year by this committee, with a six-month progress report presented to NPA on 12 December last year. This end-of-year report summarises progress on these milestones and achievement of our business plan objectives.

2.4 The ongoing performance of the Authority measured through key performance indicators (KPI) is tracked quarterly by the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee through a Performance Scorecard.

3. Performance against objectives in the Plan

3.1 The Strategy and Business Plan objectives and milestones are set out at **Appendix 1**. Progress against each objective is marked according to the following category/colour:

- Blue – Target met.
- Green – Underway and on target.
- Yellow – Underway but behind schedule.
- Red – Intervention needed.
- Grey – No data available/setting baseline.

- 3.2 Where the objective for the 5 year Plan has been met in the first year (2022/23) progress is marked as blue/target met, meaning work is complete. If the milestone has been met for the year but activity will continue into years 2 to 5 this is marked as green - 'underway and on target.'
- 3.3 Officers consider that significant progress/achievement has been made over the course of the year with respect to the following objectives:
1. The National Park attracted significant attention through its 70th anniversary campaign and events programme.
 2. We are on target for woodland creation and have already met our five year target for the planting of landscape trees.
 3. Allocation of spend under the Farming in Protected Landscapes Scheme (FiPL) has exceeded targets, with an additional 33% of funds allocated compared to the original budget allocation.
 4. The Authority has exceeded its targets for the number of farmers engaged in soil health awareness events.
 5. We have carried out work to help install dark sky friendly lighting schemes and routinely attach planning conditions to control lighting in new development.
 6. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Arts and Culture Strategy have been completed.
 7. We supported the Visit England North York Moors Accessibility Project, with feedback on completion that businesses involved went beyond the initial scope, building on their accessible offer. The marketing campaign won Digital PR Campaign of the Year 2023 at the TravMedia UK Awards.
 8. An organisational development plan was published, and staff successfully relocated from Beaconsfield. Staff turnover/sickness rates remain on target once COVID sicknesses are taken into account.
 9. Authority 'values' were agreed and rolled out to staff.
 10. The Outdoor Learning Team exceeded their annual target for youth contacts, with 41% of those contacts being from areas of multiple deprivation. The team recorded a 100% satisfaction rate for their services.
 11. Toilets at Newton under Roseberry and Goathland were refurbished as planned.
 12. Ease of use of our rights of way exceeded the target set.
 13. We are making good progress towards the installation of EV chargers across the NPA estate.

14. Performance by the planning development management team remains strong – we have exceeded national performance figures for deciding planning applications. We also ran our first annual agent’s forum.

3.4 There are, however, delays against other objectives:

1. Installation of brown road signs directing people to the National Park from surrounding major roads remains in the planning stage (phase 1 is awaiting sign off by North Yorkshire Council and National Highways) and has yet to be completed.
2. There has been some slippage in rolling out the new website, this will be launched this summer.
3. The NYMNP decarbonisation plan is drafted but not complete.
4. A separate woodland strategy also remains in draft and progress towards producing a Local Nature Recovery Strategy has also been delayed due to late issue of national guidance.
5. Our woodland management target has not been met for the year.
6. Management Plan progress for Levisham, Bransdale and Newtondale is behind schedule, and Derwent Catchment ELM landscape recovery pilot was not progressed. An alternative is being developed as part of the next pilot round of Landscape Recovery projects.
7. A funding bid for a historic environment project around landscape change is in progress but has yet to be completed.
8. An active partnership to develop a plan for increased engagement and access to the north of the National Park has been established, led by Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, but its creation was slightly behind schedule.
9. Establishment of a baseline for measuring the benefits to health and wellbeing of families through volunteering is slightly behind schedule.
10. Work on objectives relating to cycling are behind schedule.
11. There has been a delay in setting a baseline and targets to increase the percentage of residents who feel positive about tourism, but work has started.
12. There has been a shift in priorities from local plan review to production of a design code, following the introduction of the Government’s Levelling Up Bill. This will put design codes on a statutory footing and expands their scope into areas which otherwise would be covered by the Local Plan.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 This update covers year one of a five year plan. The table at **Appendix 1** shows significant progress against Strategy and Business Plan objectives. Where there has been some slippage, officers consider it minor and at an early stage of the Plan, and that objectives will be delivered by the end of the Strategy and Business Plan period.

5. Contribution to National Park Management Plan

- 5.1 The Strategy and Business Plan is critical to the delivery of many of the Management Plan's outcomes and objectives as it determines the Authority's contribution towards delivering the Management Plan. It shares 22 objectives with the Management Plan which contains 24.

6. Financial and staffing implications

- 6.1 There are no significant new financial or staffing implications to this report. Having a Strategy and Business Plan ensures that the Authority's staff are clear on our purpose, direction and priorities.

7. Legal and sustainability implications

- 7.1 None.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1 That Members note the Strategy and Business Plan Annual Report.
- 8.2 That Members offer any comments on the contents of the report.

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Background documents to this report

Appendix 1 – Business Plan 2022-27. First Annual Report.

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Appendix 1, North York Moors National Park Authority Business Plan 2022 – 27. First year Annual Report

Organisational outcome. A high profile, contemporary organisation, fit for purpose

Target met	Underway and on target	Underway but behind schedule	Intervention needed	No data available/setting baseline
Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	-
1. Raise the profile and position the brand of the North York Moors, so that more people recognise and appreciate the special nature of the National Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase awareness of the NYM National Park and put the National Park brand at the heart of everything we do. Complete the rollout of the National Park's brand including signage, mobile display units and vehicle branding. Increase website traffic, social media followers and reach. Deliver effective campaigns to tell the destination story of the North York Moors. 	a) Continue execution of National Park Brand rollout.	a) Ongoing – 2023/24 aim to complete signage rollout complete at Danby Lodge National Park Centre achieved.	Underway and on target
-	-	b) Brown sign scheme completed.	b) Scoping exercise for phase 1 tourism signs is complete and signed off by NYC and National Highways. Work on design and installation to start, together with scoping phase of stage 2.	Underway but behind schedule
-	-	c) Website refresh and upgrade complete.	c) New website will be launched summer 2023.	Underway but behind schedule
-	-	d) Social media engagement increased by 5%.	d) Baseline for social media reach now set in Year 1 (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn). Twitter Engagements: 31,473 Impressions: 1,430,942 Post link clicks: 5,169 Facebook (inc. main page, Danby Lodge, Sutton Bank and Inspired by... gallery) Engagements: 506,408 Impressions: 11,582,084 Post link clicks: 39,528 Instagram Engagements: 287,477 Impressions: 6,012,286 Post link clicks: n/a LinkedIn Engagements: 4,230 Impressions: 34,777 Post link clicks: 3,090	Baseline now set
-	-	-	e) Campaign created around the National Park's 70th anniversary, including a programme of high-profile celebratory events, which received significant local, regional and national press coverage throughout the year.	Target met.

Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	-
1. Provide an employment and volunteering experience which supports people to thrive, is inclusive and actively engages with the wider National Park family.	Deliver an Organisational Development Plan which sets out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An approach to staff and volunteer communication which is clear about what we want to achieve and does so making best use of the available technology. • Blended working and desk sharing arrangements that provide opportunities for better professional interaction. • Benchmarked salaries in difficult to recruit to work areas, combined with updating the appraisal process and linkage to pay. • Staff training programme to develop leadership and project management skills. • Maintain our current offer and develop new opportunities for training and employing young people in the National Park. 	a) OD Plan produced and published.	a) Published - Paper to March 2023 NPA.	Target met
-	-	b) Desk sharing implemented for Head Quarters building.	b) Achieved. All Helmsley based staff have relocated to the HQ building.	Target met
-	-	c) Staff turnover 7%.	c) Staff turnover is 7% in the period 1 April – 31 March. This excludes those staff coming to the end of fixed term contracts.	Target met
-	-	e) Develop and commence implementation of a corporate training programme.	e) Course outline has been developed and engagement started with suppliers. Delivery will be across several budget years.	Underway but behind schedule
-	-	f) Forward plan for funding apprentices agreed.	f) Achieved. Additional funds from North Yorkshire Moors Railway for three level-2 apprentices for September 2022 – August 2024. S106 funding to pay salary and employment on-costs of four level-4 ranger apprentices. Level-7 planning apprentices included in core budget.	Target met
2. Ensure our working environment and systems are efficient and minimize our negative impact on the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPA net Scope 1 and 2 emissions to fall by 75% by 2027. • New Procurement framework and policy takes into account environmental credentials of suppliers. 	a) 8-year roadmap developed to reach net zero by 2030.	a) The NYMNP Decarbonisation Plan is in draft, awaiting Senior Leadership Team in August to be decided on discrete actions and owners.	Underway but behind schedule
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the outcomes of the property review in relation to Helmsley-based premises. 	b) Plan in place to execute outcome of the property review.	b) Members have been regularly updated on this in private reports to NPA meetings.	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace all Authority vehicles with zero carbon emissions as soon as 'fit for purpose' vehicles become available. 	c) Roadmap to installing EV charging points agreed	c) Roadmap in progress. Putting in a Government workplace charging EV chargers for our fleet and staff at our new Helmsley base and Danby	Underway and on target

Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV charging points installed at all key Authority operational sites and visitor centres. Deliver a costed programme of works for Sutton Bank and Danby Lodge National Park Centres to reach net zero. 		<p>Lodge. Fleet replacement with EV's to tie in with new office/depot development.</p> <p>Working with NYCC - LEVI grants to install resident and visitor EV chargers at Hinderwell, Danby, Thornton le Dale NPA car parks, also at Swainby, Osmotherley and Ampleforth. NYC looking at procurement when existing former Districts EV contracts assimilated. Work likely to start 2024.</p> <p>Joint project with BMW/Podpoint to install EV chargers at both Sutton Bank & Danby Lodge visitor centres. Sutton Bank operational late May 2023. Danby Lodge sub lease being negotiated and install quotes being sought.</p>	
-	-	d) Procurement method assesses impact on the environment integrated.	d) Completed.	Target met
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement new systems to deliver land charge services directly to the Land Registry Office. 	e) Systems in place.	e) Completed.	Target met
3. Provide an excellent level of service to all our clients and staff through their every interaction with the organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver a customer focused Development Management and planning enforcement service. 	a) Maintain timely determination of planning applications (60% majors, 70% non-major applications determined within statutory timescales).	a) Majors 75%. Non-major applications 89%	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake Biennial Planning training events with Parish Councils and Agents forums. 	b) Agents' forum established.	b) Complete for 2022/23 - event held 19 October.	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a programme for assessing the level of customer service and an improvement plan which should include training and development initiatives. 	c) Values have been refreshed and launched. Now available on The Hub.	c) Authority Values reviewed and launched.	Target met
-	-	d) Internal customer service standards reinvigorated and publicised.	d) Service standards have been reviewed and publicised to staff.	Target met
-	-	e) Mystery shopper survey completed, and improvement plan developed.	e) Contract to complete mystery shopper survey has been let, work will be done in the summer of 2023.	Underway but behind schedule

Management Plan outcome. A resilient landscape at the forefront of addressing climate change

Target met	Underway and on target	Underway but behind schedule	Intervention needed	No data available/setting baseline
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Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	
4. Capture and store carbon by creating at least 2,500 hectares of additional wooded habitat by 2032.	-	a) Woodland strategy produced.	a) Currently in preparation.	Underway but behind schedule
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create 375ha of new woodland through s106 CPD. Create 10 ha new woodland through Ryevitalise and Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL). 	b) 75 ha new woodland created.	b) 74.7 ha created (through S106 Core Policy D, Ryevitalise, FiPL).	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant 500 landscape trees. 	c) 100 landscape trees planted.	c) 520 trees planted / agreed.	Target Met
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant/enhance 50km hedgerow. 	d) 10 km hedgerow enhanced.	d) 20.97km hedgerows enhanced.	Underway and on target
5. Capture and store carbon by ensuring all degraded blanket bogs and peat habitats in the National Park are under active restoration by 2032.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Natural England, Estates and the Yorkshire Peat Partnership to complete restoration works on 2500ha of blanket bog by 2027. 	a) Peat assessment and restoration plans completed by March 2023.	a) The 22/23 milestone has been met - completed the compilation of the planned restoration plans outlined in the Moor to Restore project. Now preparing the application for funding for a subset of these sites for actual restoration.	Underway and on target
6. Protect, restore and improve soils across the National Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve 77 ha of land through a programme of invasive plant species eradication. 	a) 52ha of land improved via invasive species eradication.	a) 65ha across Rye and Esk catchments for Himalayan Balsam and Japanese knotweed (includes sites previously visited in 2020 and 2021). Ryevitalise is also controlling a NZ pigmy weed (<i>Crassula</i>) pond and a small area of Pirri Pirri bur.	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance soil health throughout the National Park by working with land managers Engage at least 200 land managers in best practice to enhance awareness of soil health. 	b) 100 land managers engaged in soil health awareness.	b) 69 land managers attending at least one 'Working with Farmers' best practice advice event in 2022/23 through the Ryevitalise project. Farming in Protected Landscapes programme (FiPL) has funded a further 25 projects that have directly engaged farmers and land managers in enhanced soil health best practice. Approximately 130 have attended knowledge transfer events so far, similar events (series of meetings/workshops) will take place between now and March 2024.	Underway and on target

Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	
7. Achieve good ecological status for all water bodies by 2027 and support the improvement of marine and coastal habitat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with land managers to deliver improvement works on water bodies through agricultural infrastructure and management, invasive species control, improvements to septic facilities and monitoring. 	a) Objectives of Blue Corridors, Esk/Coastal Streams, Ryevitalise and Derwent catchment partnership achieved. ¹	<p>a) Blue Corridors objectives modified during 2022/23: 3 Rye in-channel sites completed in 22/23, and 2 Esk in-channels sites planned 23/24 (by June). E-fish monitoring and Riverfly monitoring for 22/23 complete, access works on track.</p> <p>Esk & Coastal Streams (on track): 22/23 Catchment strategy signed off at Senior Leadership Team; Catchment Based Approach (CaBA) Coastal Streams Conservation Agreements delivered; new Freshwater Pearl Mussel Strategy drafted and adopted. Funding secured for 23/24 - CaBA (£15K), Environment Agency (£60K), Yorkshire Water £95.5K for staff capacity/freshwater pearl mussel focused work. Climate Action Fund and Species Recovery/Net Zero Fund bids are in draft, focusing on delivering community engagement and addressing in-channel obstacles. 2023/24 will focus on catchment strategy phase one 'understanding our catchment' and increasing the capacity of the Esk team to support the Esk & Coastal Streams Catchment Partnership. Ryevitalise (on track): Mid-term review report submitted to National Lottery Heritage Fund Jan 2023. 19 project plans updated and budget reprofiled to reflect extension until 2025. Additional partner match income secured (Environment Agency & the Howardian Hills AONB).</p> <p>Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership: Support provided to Catchment Partnership, and joint Ryevitalise and Derwent Catchment Partnership project underway to review natural flood risk management options (feasibility work undertaken 22/23)</p>	Underway and on target

Management Plan outcome. A nature rich, more biodiverse landscape

Target met	Underway and on target	Underway but behind schedule	Intervention needed	No data available/setting baseline
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Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	
8. Create bigger, better and more joined up habitats, with nature rich wildlife corridors extending beyond the National Park boundaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and deliver a Nature Recovery Strategy for local North York Moors nature recovery work. Ensure NYM nature recovery priorities are incorporated into any wider regional LNRS. 	a) Nature Recovery Strategy produced by March 2023.	a) North Yorkshire Council and the Tees Combined Authority are producing Local Nature Recovery Strategies, the Authority is producing a Nature Recovery Plan which inform both. Delay in Defra guidance (issued March 2023). Liaison underway with responsible authorities. New NPA timescale is March 2024.	Underway but behind schedule

¹ Objectives include removing 10 obstacles from the Esk and Rye under Blue corridors, enhancing 37ha of habitat on the Esk & Rye Invasive Species control, 2 new access routes on the Rye and Feasibility, 10 new conservation agreements on the Rye, 100 ancient trees surveyed and detailed design report for the removal or modification of the top four priority barriers on Staithes Beck. INNS assessment and treatment on Sandsend Beck

Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	-
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain 115 ha habitat enhancements through existing conservation agreements and bring 100 ha into new conservation agreements. 	b) 115 ha land under existing agreements. 20 ha under new agreements.	b) 907ha of existing agreements maintained and 565ha of new agreements.	Target met
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect, manage and enhance 250ha of ancient and significant woodlands. 	c) 30 ha of woodland restoration delivered.	c) 62ha under restoration/in negotiation turned into 10.27ha under restoration + c. 40ha still in negotiation by the end of the year.	Underway but behind schedule
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete and implement a Levisham Estate Management Plan. 	d) Management Plan completed for Levisham.	d) This is being delivered under the Newtondale Conservation Management Plan below.	Underway but behind schedule
9. Restore wilder and more naturally functioning ecosystems on at least 2,000 hectares in the National Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement a partnership approach to deliver Bransdale Conservation Management Plan. 	a) Bransdale Management Plan completed.	a) Scoping for Bransdale Conservation Management Plan completed – out to tender.	Underway but behind schedule
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop partnership approach to create/deliver a Newtondale Conservation Management Plan. 	b) Newtondale Partnership established.	b) Vision, Terms of Reference, Partnership Group in place.	Underway but behind schedule
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a Nature Recovery Pilot programme on Derwent Catchment 	c) ELM Landscape Recovery pilot established.	c) Derwent Catchment nature recovery pilot not progressed due to lack of capacity amongst partners. Further opportunities are being explored in 23/24 as part of next pilot round	Underway but behind schedule
10. Work with our moorland community to support the sustainable management of moorland to ensure it retains its intrinsic character which supports a greater variety of species and habitats	a) Work with Natural England and Moorland partners to enhance moorland fringe habitat.	a) Work with the Moorland Forum to develop a clear vision of sustainable moorland management.	a) Regular meeting programme to discuss moorland management practice and address issues and challenges through knowledge exchange and practical interventions.	Underway and on target
-	-	b) Areas of moorland fringe that could be improved identified and mapped with Natural England.	b) Early discussions held with Natural England around principles of moorland fringe habitat management.	Underway and on target

Management Plan outcome. A landscape rich in heritage and highly valued for its sense of remoteness and tranquillity

Target met	Underway and on target	Underway but behind schedule	Intervention needed	No data available/setting baseline
Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	-
11. Ensure that our historic environment is better understood, conserved, explained and under appropriate management; and work with partners to reduce the number of identified Designated Heritage Assets at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the condition of at least 25 Heritage Assets at Risk. • Deliver the Land of Iron legacy. • Restore the Rosedale Kilns. 	a) 5 assets removed from register.	<p>a) 5 assets removed from the At Risk register:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warehouse at Barbers Yard Staithes (grant aided repairs) 2. Outbuilding at Cherry Tree Farm Lockton (grant aided repairs) 3. Two farm buildings at Horn End Farndale (planning permission/listed building consent granted for conversion). 4. Scheduled Monument removed from the At Risk register following bracken spraying (Horn Ridge Cross Dyke). <p>Following end of the Monuments for Future programme focus is on re-establishing the monument monitoring programme. There has been further management work at Cawthorn Camps and on Kirby Bank Trod.</p> <p>The Countryside Stewardship application for conservation works to the Rosedale stone kilns (currently at risk) has not progressed due to issues with confirming staged payments. Potential alternative funding for the capital works is being discussed with Historic England.</p> <p>Also looking at developing further Scheduled Monument conservation projects for 2023-24 incl. one on Levisham Moor.</p>	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a major multi- stranded historic environment focused project seeking external funding. 	b) Brief and funding bid developed. Stakeholder support engaged.	b) Development underway. Discussions undertaken with Forestry England, Historic England and the University of York around developing a project themed on woodlands and landscape change and using community archaeology as a vehicle to open up public perceptions around present landscape change and new woodlands. Project management documentation initiated and circulated to NYMNP team leaders.	Underway but behind schedule
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 10 Conservation Area appraisals/management plans. 	a) 2 conservation area appraisals completed.	a) Ongoing. Nine plans are completed in draft. Report covering 5 due to go to 6 July 2023 Planning Committee. 4 remaining (Staithes, Goathland, Grosmont, North Yorkshire Moors Railway) will also be progressed 2023/24.	Underway but behind schedule

-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver 5 heritage skills training workshops. • Deliver a historic building repair grant (focusing on energy efficiency). 	b) One heritage skills training workshop delivered.	b) Two dedicated training events completed – A lime mortar training was provided to Duncombe Park Estate (October 2022), and a further training event for Duncombe Park, Dawnay and Mexborough Estates in February 2023.	Underway and on target
5. Increase the intrinsic darkness of the National Park International Dark Sky Reserve, through expanding the current dark sky core zone by twenty percent by 2027.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a lighting strategy/management plan to maintain dark sky status and increase the area of dark sky core zone by 20%. 	a) Reserve status maintained.	a) Annual report to the International Dark Sky Association submitted Jan 2023 No feedback yet received.	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactively use the planning system to conserve dark skies. • Identify dark corridors within dales to link up with habitat connectivity. • Factor lighting into all future landscape improvement projects wherever possible. 	b) Lighting strategy delivered.	<p>b) In progress.</p> <p>Planning conditions now routinely applied controlling outside lighting. Dark Skies draft Supplementary Planning Document reported to May 2023 Planning Committee.</p> <p>Expanding measurement areas for Dark Sky Monitors (volunteers) to help verify potential core expansion. Permanent meters also purchased. Proposal to install Stape, Low Dalby, Ravenscar and Sutton Bank. Permanent meters now installed at Stape, Sutton Bank, Goathland and Fylingthorpe with Dalby underway. Plans for three more units (Ravenscar and two in the west of the National Park)</p> <p>Multiple lighting improvement schemes in progress including large/landscape scale projects at Hawnbly and Bransdale (both ongoing) also Spaunton Estate and completing Sutton Bank over summer 2023. Strategic impact locations are also being looked at with planning enforcement.</p>	Underway and on target

Management Plan outcome. A place that lifts the nation's health and well being

Target met	Underway and on target	Underway but behind schedule	Intervention needed	No data available/setting baseline
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Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	Target met.
6. Create specific, targeted opportunities to improve mental and physical health and wellbeing by connecting people with nature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Green Social Prescribing opportunities to communities within and around the National Park. 	a) Health and wellbeing strategy produced.	a) Draft report reviewed by Senior Leadership Team in April and now finalised)	Underway but behind schedule
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare an externally funded (Arts Council England) project to deliver the outcomes of the Art & Culture Strategy. 	b) Arts Council Project bid submitted.	b) The Art & Culture Strategy was approved in Dec 23 and a project is being worked on for submission to the Arts Council.	Underway but behind schedule
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refocus the NYM events programme, targeting health and wellbeing benefits. 	c) Refocused events programme in place for 2023.	c) New events programme in place for 2023, focused around health and wellbeing which will set a baseline for attendance and experience. The events will be monitored and reviewed.	Target met.

Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	Target met.
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance our offer at National Park Centres. 	d) Plan for National Park Centre improvements with draft resource requirements produced.	d) Commercial plan was approved by SLT in February 2023.	Target met.
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a revised volunteering strategy, which determines targets for health and well-being, participation and output. 	e) New baseline established for assessing volunteering health and well-being benefits.	e) Specification is now completed and out for formal quotation. Work delayed due to staffing changes within the team.	Underway but behind schedule
7. Increase awareness of, and access to the National Park among underserved communities, particularly those in the surrounding area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on our emerging destination PR activity working with underserved groups and organisations. 	a) Mosaic funding bid submitted.	a) Stage 1 approved, Stage 2 in development to submitted July 2023.	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improved and accessible visitor offer in the north of the National Park. 	b) Area management plan for North of National Park agreed with key stakeholders.	b) Progress being made to create an active partnership to develop a plan for increased engagement and access to the north of the National Park. A Memorandum of Understanding between partners will be agreed in 2023.	Underway but behind schedule
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the Visit England North York Moors Accessibility Project to improve information, customer service and facilities 	c) Project objectives delivered.	c) Project complete and evaluation found that the businesses involved went beyond the initial scope, building on their accessible offer, further amplifying the North York Moors as a fully accessible destination. The marketing campaign won Digital PR Campaign of the Year 2023 at the TravMedia UK Awards.	Target met.
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver a programme of outreach activities and events focusing on underserved communities. 	d) Outreach programme developed and delivered including Mela and big picnic.	d) Middlesbrough Mela multicultural festival attended (300 contacts); resources moved from big picnic to other initiatives. 772 people from minority ethnic groups supported with visits to the National Park.	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the proportion of people from under-represented groups involved in volunteering. 	e) Baseline and targets established.	e) Baseline data and target established for volunteers under 30 (30% of volunteers to be in this age group is the target). No data is available in current systems to establish ethnicity, long term health issues of current volunteers.	Setting baseline
8. Inspire the next generation to enjoy, learn about and care for the National Park and support young people's direct involvement in decision making about its future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide immersive learning experiences through an Education Service tailored to schools, with a focus on areas of high deprivation. 	a) 10,000 education and youth contacts.	a) 10,750 total contacts 41% derived from areas multiple deprivation.	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver a programme of youth engagement provision and volunteering, aiming for 30% of volunteers being 30 and under by 2027. 	b) 30% of volunteers under age 30.	b) 25.8% of volunteers aged under 30.	Underway but behind schedule
-	-	c) 95% customer satisfaction with education service.	c) 100% (2022/23).	Target met.

Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	Target met.
-	-	d) Establish a baseline for measuring the benefits to health and wellbeing of families through volunteering.	d) Baseline to be established through Social Return on Investment from National Heritage Lottery project (National Park Young Rangers and Explorers) due July 2023.	Underway but behind schedule
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure Youth Council and Youth Voice is embedded into NP processes. Successfully conclude delivery of the NHLF funded Young Explorer Project and seek legacy funding to ensure equitable provision of these clubs. 	e) Year three of Young Explorer project delivered.	e) 'Wild Leaders' project funded for 12 months by BMW Recharge in Nature Programme will continue the work of the Young Explorer project when it finishes in July 2023 as well as developing Youth Voice and Youth plus. Additional funding received to continue the legacy of NLHF.	Underway and on target
17. Ensure that all members of the public are able to enjoy the National Park using easy to use, well-marked rights of way and open access land.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain promoted RoW (including easy access paths) at 85% easy to use; and all other Rights of Way at 70%. 	a) 85% of promoted and priority public rights of way easy to use. b) 70% of all other public rights of way easy to use.	a) Annual survey of 25% of all promoted routes completed February 2023. 100% of those routes surveyed were found to be easy to use. b) Best Value Performance Indicator Survey undertaken every 2 years. 2021 survey results 76%. 2023 survey currently underway for completion by December. Results will be available January 2024.	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the offer of 'Miles Without Stiles.' 	c) Revised grading of routes completed.	c) Miles Without Stiles audit completed March 2023. 7 additional routes have been regraded as 'Miles Without Stiles' walks. This brings the total offer up to 13. Of these, 8 can be improved to further increase the level of accessibility.	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide and support the delivery of facilities (including toilets and Car Parks) in the National Park for public benefit. 	d) Two NPA toilet refurbishments completed.	d) Newton under Roseberry & Goathland toilet refurbishments completed.	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with partners to establish the Coast to Coast as a National Trail and maintain support for the Cleveland Way. 	-	e) Coast to Coast funding approved by Natural England. Project Officer and delivery plan is in place with planned launch October 2025.	Underway and on target
18. Promote the North York Moors National Park as the premier recreational/ family cycling destination in the North of England.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a compelling offer around the National Park's USP (e-bikes, gravel, family friendly and mountain biking) and encourage a transformative change in the way people get to and move around the National Park. 	a) NY Moors cycling partnership established and funding prospectus developed.	a) Local and regional discussions on cycling initiatives to link surrounding towns with the National Park are taking place regularly with partners but no formal partnership is yet established. Discussions are taking place to establish a Cycling Development Officer post to take this work forward.	Underway but behind schedule
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redesign the Moor to Sea Cycle Network route as a nationally recognised off-road route. 	b) M2C route redesigned and added to funding prospectus.	b) Will be delivered 2024.	Underway but behind schedule
-	-	c) NYM Cycleway signage completed and route launched.	c) Signage applied for – discussions with NYC ongoing. No progress – being escalated through NYMNP, . NYC have now formally proposed that this be handled by WSP (framework consultant). Awaiting meeting date. NPA still holding funds from former authorities (SBC, HDC, RDC) towards costs.	Underway but behind schedule
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with partners to develop cycle trails linking surrounding urban areas with the National Park. 	d) Potential routes identified and partners engaged in delivery.	d) Informal partnership set up with Sustrans and local authorities to enable regular reviews of progress.	Underway but behind schedule

Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	Target met.
19. Work with businesses to establish regenerative tourism as a guiding principle and encourage visitors to make a positive contribution to the National Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with NYMTN to encourage hosts to build an even closer relationship with the place distinctiveness/special qualities. 	a) Baseline and targets set to increase the % of local residents who feel positive about tourism.	a) Resident survey launched Q1 2023/24.	Underway but behind schedule
-	-	b) Work with 12 tourism businesses to become champions for sustainable practices.	b) North York Moors National Park Champions initiative launched; working with 12 tourism businesses to become champions for sustainable practices.	Underway and on target
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate self-led, virtual and micro-volunteering opportunities with 20 community and environmental organisations. 	c) Establish group of 20 organisations and activity plan agreed.	c) Subject to external funding bid by NYM Trust.	Underway but behind schedule

Management Plan outcome. A place that supports a more diverse and flourishing net zero carbon economy

Target met	Underway and on target	Underway but behind schedule	Intervention needed	No data available/setting baseline
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Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	-
20. Maintain a strong and viable farming and land management community that delivers more for climate, nature, people and place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support a significant proportion of farmers and land managers in the National Park in accessing ELM Local Nature Recovery and Landscape Recovery ELM components. Deliver a Test and Trial focusing on incorporating private sector funding into ELM through initiatives such as Biodiversity Net Gain and Carbon Credits. 	a) New Test and Trial launched.	<p>a) The Test & Trials project led by NPA commenced in April 2022 and is scheduled to be completed by August 2023. The modelling and mapping work that identifies opportunities for carbon sequestration, biodiversity net gain, water quality improvement and natural flood management interventions has been completed and the economic modelling tool that we developed as part of the previous Test & Trials project has been enhanced and expanded to include the opportunities for private finance.</p> <p>A series of 10 location-based interactive workshops have been arranged for late May/early June for farmers and land managers to solicit opinions on the degree to which farmers and land managers would be inclined to participate in environmental land management schemes and environmental market opportunities.</p>	Underway and on target

Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	-
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver and fully spend the resources allocated to the Farming in Protected Landscapes Scheme. 	b) Delivery of full NYM FiPL allocation of c.£600k on a wide range of farmer-led projects across the National Park.	<p>b) 2022/23 has been a very successful second year of the FiPL programme in the North York Moors, with an additional £80k spend secured for projects and an additional £123k secured to meet the uplift in Countryside Stewardship rates introduced in January 2023, resulting in total programme spend of approx. £808k (c/f original budget allocation of £605k).</p> <p>Defra have confirmed a year's extension to the programme (until 31 March 2025) and have provided additional funding to achieve this. The NPA will recruit an additional Project Officer and a Monitoring Officer to assist in the delivery of the additional project spend (£915k allocated for 23/24 and £1.164 m in 24/25).</p>	Target met

Management Plan outcome. A place of great beauty where local communities thrive

Target met	Underway and on target	Underway but behind schedule	Intervention needed	No data available/setting baseline
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Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	-
21. Increase the delivery of affordable housing above 2010-2020 levels to build at least 100 affordable homes in villages across the National Park by 2027; and press for changes to control the conversion of housing to second or holiday homes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a focused review of the Local Plan. 	a) Focused review of Local Plan launched.	a) Policy team has prioritised work on the Design Code as it will cover many of the issues that would have driven Local Plan review. (See milestone 22a). Local Plan review to start 2024.	Underway but behind schedule
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare an affordable housing and second homes strategy to implement targets. Work jointly with other National Parks to seek to raise awareness of the issues arising from a high proportion of second homes and lobby for a mechanism to manage them. 	b) Affordable housing strategy prepared by end of 2022.	<p>b) (Internal) affordable housing strategy is drafted, and partnership set up with key Registered Provider.</p> <p>Evidence submitted to Government (Levelling Up Bill).</p> <p>North Yorkshire County Council have resolved to double Council Tax on second homes within the next two years.</p> <p>Government now consulting on changes to bring the change of use of homes to short term lets within planning controls.</p>	Underway and on target

Objective	Delivery by 2027	2022/23 milestones	Progress at 31 March 2023	-
<p>22. Work to establish the North York Moors National Park as a leader in low-cost, low-carbon housing design through the development of at least one new-build exemplar scheme; and promote the deployment of sustainable materials and responsible retrofitting measures in historic buildings to secure their long-term future.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate two exemplar schemes – focusing on retrofitting a heritage building and a new build. Update the design guide/design codes. 	<p>a) Design guide/code published and promoted by March 2023.</p>	<p>a) Work started on the new Design Code, March 2023 but introduction of mandatory Design Codes through the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill has widened the scope of the work. Consultation on scope of the Design Code due late summer 2023. Also developing guidance/good practice on healthy retrofit of historic building stock.</p> <p>b) Farndale Estate carried out works to two Listed farmsteads using traditional materials to repair and overhaul the buildings, endorsing the sustainable use of traditional materials and sensitive retrofitting approach to these listed buildings.</p> <p>c) Planning advice also being fed into HUG2 and Sustainable Warmth programmes to facilitate roll out of schemes in the National Park.</p>	<p>Underway but behind schedule</p>

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19 June 2023

Item 13, Health and Wellbeing Engagement Strategy

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To present the Health and Wellbeing Engagement Strategy.

2. Background

- 2.1 Outcome 4 – Lifting the nation’s health and well-being is one of three priority outcomes in the North York Moors National Park Management Plan 2022 -2027 and is underpinned by three specific objectives;
 - 14. Create targeted opportunities to improve mental and physical health and wellbeing by connecting people with nature.
 - 15. Increase awareness of, and access to the National Park among under-served communities particularly those in the surrounding area.
 - 16. Inspire the next generation to enjoy, learn about and care for the National Park and support young people’s direct involvement in decision making about its future.

Producing a Health and Wellbeing Strategy is part of our commitment to achieve Objective 14.

- 2.2 At the Awareness, Recreation and Business (ARB) Forum in November 2021 Members discussed current delivery of education, youth engagement and outreach and the balance between these elements. They also considered audiences, what our engagement work should look like in five years’ time and how we measure the impact of our work, with a preference to measure qualitative outcomes as well as quantitative. These discussions formed a backdrop to the Strategy.
- 2.3 At the ARB Forum in April 2023, prior to the Strategy being finalised, Members were introduced to the key points and went through an exercise to guide Officers in prioritising delivery of the Strategy.

3. Some key points

- 3.1 Health and wellbeing benefits in the National Park that are facilitated by the Authority involve a broad offer including: rights of way, volunteering, events, the arts and culture, formal and informal education, outdoor learning, and direct engagement by a variety of means with people. All of this work is primarily about connecting people with nature. There is now a large body of evidence that demonstrates the value of this, which forms the bedrock of the Government’s commitment, reinforced in the Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP), to helping people improve their health and wellbeing by using green and blue spaces and

getting close to nature, with a particular focus on disadvantaged areas. The move by health bodies to roll out green social prescribing is directly supportive of this commitment.

- 3.2 There are numerous behavioural, physical, administrative and financial barriers to engagement, which people face in using the outdoors. National Parks, in particular, are underserving some groups of people. To help address these and to encourage greater connection with the National Park, the Strategy identifies five themes with proposed actions (see page 10 of the Strategy, Appendix 1 to deliver health and wellbeing outcomes to a wide range of people and in particular underserved audiences.

The Five Themes are; Inspire and Communicate, Co-create, Connect, Partner and Collaborate, Evaluate, Lift and Learn.

- 3.3 Priority audiences are identified as those with health inequalities and those people currently underserved and underrepresented within the National Park for whom there are barriers in accessing the health and wellbeing opportunities it offers. In particular these include:

- People living in areas of high deprivation.
- Those on low incomes or unemployed.
- Minority ethnic communities.
- People with long term health problems or disability.
- Children and young people.

Target geographies include the local authority areas of Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, Scarborough.

4. Next steps

- 4.1 Whilst the current health and wellbeing offer outlined at pt 3.1 continues to be delivered, a cross Departmental group of Officers is involved in developing an action plan to take the Strategy forward. In particular we are working up potential projects and programmes of work in order to take advantage of external funding, recognising the constraints in available core funding. A particular aim is to become more involved in the growing area of Green Social Prescribing.
- 4.2 As well as the core offer of formal education, youth engagement and family volunteering, the Outdoor Learning Team are also delivering the final stages of the National Heritage Lottery Fund Young Explorers Project, education elements of Birds on the Edge and the BMW Wild Leaders Project, all of which demonstrate health and wellbeing benefits.

5. Financial and staffing implications

- 5.1 Delivery of the Strategy, led by the Head of Outdoor Learning and Engagement involves staff from across the Authority but particularly the Outdoor Learning Team, the Volunteering Team, the Art and Culture team National Park Centres,

and other visitor facilities. Core budgets to deliver the Strategy are limited and accessing external funding to deliver high value programmes and projects is a priority.

6. Contribution to National Park Management Plan

6.1 The Strategy provides the vision, focus and direction that will enable delivery Outcome 4 – A place that lifts the nation’s health and wellbeing.

7. Legal and sustainability implications

7.1 None.

8. Recommendation

8.1 That Members note the content and approve the Strategy.

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Background documents to this report

Appendix 1; The Health and Wellbeing Engagement Strategy

Appendix 1 to item 13 has been uploaded separately

North York Moors National Park Authority

19 June 2023

Item 14, Chief Executive Officer report

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To provide members with an update on the CEO's activities since the last NPA and to identify key and emerging issues for members to be aware of.

2. National policy issues

- 2.1 The Levelling up and Regeneration Bill (LURB) has been something of a focal point in terms of national-level policy discussions amongst National Parks. As well as the implications for planning policy which were presented to Members at a recent Planning Committee, National Parks have been closely following and supporting attempts by Peers to use the Bill to bring about statutory changes to National Park purposes and duties.
- 2.2 An amendment to the Bill proposed by Lord Randall, with cross-party support, was submitted as part of the Lords Committee stage. The amendment as written sought far-reaching changes both to the statutory purposes of National Parks but also the duties placed on other public bodies to have regard to these purposes and National Park Management Plans. It was withdrawn following positive noises from Government Minister Lord Benyon that a solution could be found. At the time of writing, it is unclear whether and how Government will now respond. The best-case scenario would see government come forward with its own amendment that sensitively updates our purposes whilst delivering on its commitment to amend the so called 'Duty of Regard' which is a key priority for North York Moors and other National Park Authorities. NPE & CNP influence has been instrumental in gathering support for the amendment.
- 2.3 A downside of the hiatus over the LURB has been something of a delay in the publication of Government's long-awaited response to the Landscapes Review which had been anticipated by the end of March.

3. National Parks England and communications

- 3.1 As lead CEO for England, support for the work of NPE has absorbed a considerable amount of personal time over the last few months. Though this has some downsides in terms of time, the benefits to NYM's profile, reputation and influence far exceed the commitment. I continue to see NPE as a vital investment in our collective voice to Government.
- 3.2 Over the last few months I've led a review of the organisation to ensure that it is fit for purpose. Recommendations were taken to the Board of NPE in late March which were approved. These refine the purpose of NPE and narrow its priorities, placing significant emphasis on making the case for investment in further powers,

tools and resources to NPAs as part of the policy programme for the next government. Work has started on building a ‘manifesto’ setting out our key offers and asks as a family of National Parks. The offer we can make as the ‘gold reserves’ for nature and in terms of health and well-being benefits are considerable.

- 3.3 A further key part of the review recommendations is to empower the Executive Director to lead the organisation, thus lessening the burden on NPAs and CEOs of the ‘lead’ role that I currently perform. We have now commenced a recruitment exercise to bring in a new ED to lead NPE following Hoda Gray’s resignation to relocate to Seattle in the US.
- 3.4 The review of the UK Communications Unit has now concluded with the final recommendations advocating for an enhanced, integrated unit that provides communications services to NPE. Bringing brand and marketing comms together with policy brings some important synergies. A key to effective national influencing is having positive brand reputation in the eyes of the public and, through them, policy makers. The recommendations of the review were approved by UK Chairs on 1 June and a commissioning process is now underway to select a new host for the unit.

4. Authority updates

- 4.1 NYMNPA welcomed Environment Minister Trudi Harrison to the National Park in late March. The visit had a strong access focus, highlighting work on accessibility through the NYM Trammer project and the Coast-to-Coast National Trail. The Minister also took a keen interest in how the National Park supports local businesses and communities. Hot on the heels of this visit, officers welcomed a large delegation of staff from Defra’s Landscapes Team and Natural England. The two-day visit helped build awareness and understanding of the work of a National Park Authority, starting with an outdoor learning experience at Robin Hoods’ Bay & finishing with the ‘Finest View’ at Sutton Bank. The visit was also an opportunity to demonstrate how NYM is seeking to take a lead in landscape-scale nature recovery and local collaboration with the Howardian Hills AONB.
- 4.2 Members will note that Michael Graham successfully completed 27.5 years of service with the NPA with his retirement in May. We wish Michael all the best in the next chapter of his life. Following an extensive recruitment campaign, Joel Brookfield has been appointed as the new Director of Recreation and Well-being, joining the NPA in September from Sport England, from where he brings invaluable experience in health and well-being initiatives as well as extensive leadership.
- 4.3 The North York Moors Trust has also welcomed a new executive Director, James Metcalfe. James has returned home to Teesside after a career in politics to rekindle his passion for the North York Moors and will be helping the Trust build its strategy over the coming years.

- 4.4 The NPA held its latest biennial all-staff conference on 14 June. These events are not just about providing a ‘town hall’ type event to ensure staff are well-informed about the work of the Authority. They also provide an opportunity to strengthen connections between staff who may not normally work together.
- 4.5 In the papers for this NPA Members will have chance to scrutinise the performance of the organisation in delivering its strategy and business plan through the annual milestones review. The business plan is a critical operational document, defining the work plan for the NPA over a 5-year period. As part of the scrutiny role of NPA I’m keen to ensure Members feel they have the information they need to hold officers to account on its delivery.
- 4.6 FRASC members had chance to review the Authority’s external funding and project pipeline. Our growth strategy depends on the organisation becoming significantly more project based. From my perspective it’s exciting to see the organisation come together to build an exciting pipeline of purposeful projects. With the support of our external funding officer, Ellen Cross, we have already significantly exceeded our funding target for 2023/24.

5. Financial and staffing implications

- 5.1 None.

6. Contribution to National Park Management Plan

- 6.1 N/A.

7. Legal and sustainability implications

- 7.1 None.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1 That Members note the context of this report making any comments that they wish to.

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Item 15, Report from FRASC Chair is a verbal item

North York Moors National Park Authority

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Item 16, Feedback from Lead Members on Committees and Forums

1. Conservation and Land Management Forum – 11 May 2023 visit to Ennerdale verbal report from Jim Bailey.
2. Awareness, Recreation and Business Forum – 24 April 2023 Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Verbal report from Sarah Oswald.

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Item 17, Reports from Members on outside bodies

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To consider reports from Members attending meetings on outside bodies as representatives on the Authority.

2. Background

- 2.1 It has been agreed that Members attending meetings of bodies where they are representing the Authority should present a report, either verbal or written

3. Campaign for National Parks

- 3.1 A written report from David Jeffels is at Appendix 1.

4. Disability Advisory Group

- 4.1 Sarah Oswald will give a verbal update of the DAG meeting held on 2 June 2023 at the meeting.

5. Local Government, North Yorkshire, York and East Riding Housing Board

- 5.1 No recent meeting has been held.

6. Financial and staffing implications

- 6.1 There are no financial or staffing implications.

7. Legal and sustainability implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1 That the report be noted.

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Appendix 1

Campaign for National Parks - David Jeffels, NYMNPA Representative on CNP

With the prospect of a General Election possibly little more than a year away, CNP is mounting campaigns to give all NPs a stronger and effective voice.

Dr Rosie O'Neill, the CEO told a short on-line meeting that it has a number of aspirations including achieving more through lobbying the political parties in the hope of getting support for NPs in general in their manifestos.

CNP wants to see more levelling up benefitting NPs, more emphasis on nature recovery, the climate and equality.

Dr O'Neill said there was significant support cross-party in Westminster for NPs and she wants NPs to take forward local campaigns such as that of Dartmoor's initiative to uphold access rights for wild camping, and a battle over a controversial new bypass and reservoir construction project in the Peak District.

CNP is launching three new national awards, one of Changemaker of the Year, second, a new award covering Nature Achievement, and third of a prospectus award. However, entries have to be submitted by June 4 so if there are any likely candidates from NYMNP urgent action is needed on nominations.

Dr O'Neill is urging political parties to give NPs a new deal to grow the private sector investment in parks; establish a National Nature Service putting NPs at the heart of it; and to change the law to accelerate designation of new NPs.

Regarding party manifestos, Nature Recovery of protected landscapes needs to move at a faster pace, she said and the budget for nature friendly farming should be doubled. Further, NPs "should be given to the nation" says CNP and every child should have a "night under the stars as part of the National Curriculum.

More emphasis needs to be given to encourage health and wellbeing.

Another key issue will be rural transport in NPs and CNP is calling for a strategic transport plan. One has been produced for the south-east of the country and I am hoping to receive a copy shortly.

A representative from the Hope Valley said it had received Department of Transport funding for the project, called "Travelling Light" which aims to transform the way in which people travel into and within the Hope Valley.

Delegates were also told that there is a strong case for changing the boundaries of some NPs possibly even including some towns, and Helmsley was cited as a town which is only half in the NYMNP and action is needed to transfer the whole of the community into the NP.

I expect to be having a more detailed CNP meeting in the next few weeks.

In the meantime, if anyone has any queries on this report, just let me know.

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Item 18, On the record

1. Independent Member

- 1.1 Interviews for the Independent Member were held on 25 May with the panel being Tom Hind, Jim Bailey and Richard Smith.
- 1.2 The Panel interviewed 3 candidates and the Panel agreed to appoint Keith Wilkinson as Independent Member with a starting date of 22 June 2023.

2. Provisional Dates 2023

Please find at **Appendix 1** a list of Authority meeting, training, and evening seminars proposed for 2023. Please could Members advise if these are acceptable or make suggestions for changes.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Members endorse the appointment of Keith Wilkinson as Independent Member for an initial period of 2 years starting on 22 June 2023.

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Appendix 1 Provisional Meeting Dates 2024

Meetings 2024	Date of Meeting	Chairs Briefing
January	-	-
Members monthly update	Tuesday 9 January	-
CLM Forum	Monday 22 January	-
Planning Site Visit	Friday 26 January	-
Members Evening Seminar	Wednesday 31 January	-
February	-	-
FRAS Committee	Monday 5 February	-
Planning Committee	Thursday 8 February	-
Members monthly update	Tuesday 13 February	-
March	-	-
Members Training Day	Wednesday 6 March	-
Members monthly update	Tuesday 12 March	-
NPA *	Monday 18 March	-
Planning Site Visit	Friday 22 March	-
Planning committee	Thursday 28 March	-
April	-	-
Members monthly update	Tuesday 9 April	-
Northern Parish Forum	Wednesday 10 April	-
Members Evening Seminar	Wednesday 17 April	-
ARB Forum	Monday 22 April	-
Southern Parish Forum	Tuesday 23 April	-
May	-	-
Planning Site Visit	Friday 3 May	-
CLM	Wednesday 8 May	-
Western Parish Forum	Thursday 9 May	-
Members monthly update	Tuesday 14 May	-
Members Training Day	Wednesday 15 May	-
Coastal Parish Forum	Thursday 16 May	-
Planning Committee	Thursday 16 May	-
FRAS Committee	Monday 20 May	-
June	-	-
Man Plan stakeholders meeting	-	-
Local Access Forum	Tuesday 4 June (virtual)	-
Members Evening Seminar	Wednesday 5 June	-
Members monthly update	Tuesday 11 June	-
NPA/AGM *	Monday 17 June	-
ARB/CLM Joint Forum	Monday 24 June	-

July	-	-
Members Training Day	Wednesday 3 July	-
Planning Site Visit	Friday 5 July	-
Members monthly update	Tuesday 9 July	-
Planning Committee	Thursday 11 July	-
Joint Parish Forum	Wednesday 17 July	-
August	-	-
Planning Site Visit	Friday 5 August	-
Members monthly update	Tuesday 13 August	-
Members Evening Seminar	Wednesday 14 August	-
FRAS Committee	Tuesday 27 August	-
September	-	-
ARB	Wednesday 4 September	-
Planning Committee	Thursday 5 September	-
Members monthly update	Tuesday 10 September	-
RAF Fylingdales	-	-
NPA Committee *	Monday 23 September	-
October	-	-
CLM	Tuesday 1 October	-
Northern Parish Forum	Wednesday 2 October	-
Planning site visit	Friday 4 October	-
Members monthly update	Tuesday 8 October	-
Southern Parish Forum	Thursday 10 October	-
Members Training Day	Wednesday 16 October	-
Planning Committee	Thursday 17 October	-
Western Parish Forum	Tuesday 22 October	-
Coastal Parish Forum	Thursday 31 October	-
November	-	-
ARB	Tuesday 5 November	-
FRAS Committee	Monday 11 November	-
Members monthly update	Tuesday 12 November	-
Planning Site Visit	Friday 15 November	-
Members Evening Seminar	Wednesday 20 November	-
Planning Committee	Thursday 28 November	-
December	-	-
Local Access Forum	Tuesday 3 December	-
NPA Committee *	Monday 16 December	-

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Item 19, Parish Forum update

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To inform Members of the issues and actions arising from the last round of Parish Forum meetings and to enable them to raise any issues arising from the Forums.

2. Issues and actions arising

2.1 The April round of Parish Forums were fairly well attended, with interesting presentations given and good engagement from the audience. Attendance numbers recorded: Coastal (16); Southern (8); Western (10); Northern (9) - excluding officers and Authority Members.

2.2 In addition to circulating information through the Parish Clerks, social media was used to advertise the April 2023 meetings.

2.3 **Appendix 1** outlines the items and issues discussed at the meetings.

3. Financial and staffing implications

3.1 There are no financial or staffing implications at the time of writing this report.

4. Contribution to National Park Management Plan

4.1 The Forums support Management Plan Outcome 6 – a place of great beauty where local communities thrive - and Business Plan objectives concerning good customer service.

5. Financial and staffing implications

5.1 There are no financial or staffing implications at the time of writing this report.

6. Legal and sustainability implications

6.1 There are no legal implications.

7. Recommendation

7.1 That Members note the issues raised.

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Background documents to this report:

Northern, Coastal, Western and Southern Parish Forum files

Appendix 1

All the Parish Forums considered the following items:

1. Robert Sword from the Moorland Association gave a talk on moorland management (except Southern).
2. Ed March-Shawcross gave an illustrated talk on the Peatland Restoration project (except Southern).
3. Zara Hanshaw gave an illustrated talk on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Biodiversity Net Gain.
4. Moorsbus attended to promote the service and request for support from parishes (except Northern).

Northern Area Parish Forum

- Public questions on tourism, affordable housing, holiday lets and solar panels on listed buildings. Chris France responded.
- Heather McNiff gave an illustrated talk on the work of the Outdoor Learning Team.
- Naomi Green gave an illustrated talk on the ranger restructure and work of the North Ranger Team.

Southern Area Parish Forum

- Public question on river management in Forge Valley – Ben Jackson responded.
- Elspeth Ingleby gave an illustrated talk entitled ‘A More Natural River’.
- Ben Jackson gave an illustrated talk on the ranger restructure and work of the South Ranger Team.

Western Area Parish Forum

- Public questions on North Yorkshire Council and how it affects the NYMNP, new home infills in smaller villages, and any grants available for smaller villages for path improvements. Chris France and Michael Graham responded.
- Ben Jackson gave an illustrated talk on the ranger restructure and work of the South Ranger Team.

Coastal Area Parish Forum

- Loftus Accord Walking Group sought assistance with the restoration of Hummersea steps, Naomi Green responded.
- Naomi Green gave an illustrated talk on the ranger restructure and work of the North Ranger Team.