

North York Moors National Park Authority

3 Oct 2016

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, on the issues discussed.

3. **Campaign for National Parks**

- 3.1 David Jeffels recently attended a CNP meeting in Hexham his report can be found at **Appendix 1**

4. **Financial and Staffing Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial or staffing implications.

5. **Legal Implications**

- 5.1 There are no legal implications.

6. **Recommendation**

- 6.1 That the report be noted.

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CAMPAIGN FOR NATIONAL PARKS - WORKING PARTY ON THE FUTURE OF UPLAND FARMING IN NATIONAL PARKS

The working group held its latest meeting at the Northumbria National Park headquarters at Hexham when further progress was made on the production of a report which will initially go to the CNP council meeting and then to Defra Ministers. Its aim will be to highlight current and future issues on upland farming in the North York Moors, Peak District, Exmoor, Northumbria, Yorkshire Dales and Lake District National Parks, especially in the light of Brexit.

The unexpected result on the EU referendum has, the group felt, lengthened the timescale and made its potential contribution more important. It is hoped that Defra Ministers will see it as an opportunity to devise a new farming and environmental policy after 2020.

The feeling at the meeting was that farming and conservation lobbies are already staking out positions, often with little or no reference to the uplands.

The support of CNP Council to the report, when published, will be vital because the Council consists of such influential organisations as CPRE, National Trust, Wildlife Trusts, Open Spaces Society, Rambler Associations, Woodland Trust and the British Mountaineering Council.

Members of the working group felt that devising a new agricultural policy will take years, not months so the working party will have a longer life than originally envisaged before the EU Referendum result.

NB - I would be very pleased to receive any views members of NYMNPA may have which I could feed into the current debate.

DEFRA is holding a key meeting on Upland Farming on Thursday September 22 which I shall be attending and I will be putting together bullet-point notes for NYMNPA members in time for the Authority's next meeting in October.

David Jeffels
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