

## North York Moors National Park Authority Finance, Risk, Audit and Standards Committee

20 November 2017

### External Funding

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update Members on the work currently being undertaken to secure external funding which will help support the Authority's work programmes and priorities.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 This report provides an overview of the Authority's external funding position within the current financial year and an update on projects which require external funding. It continues the previous reports to this Committee which have kept Members abreast of our activity in this important area of work.

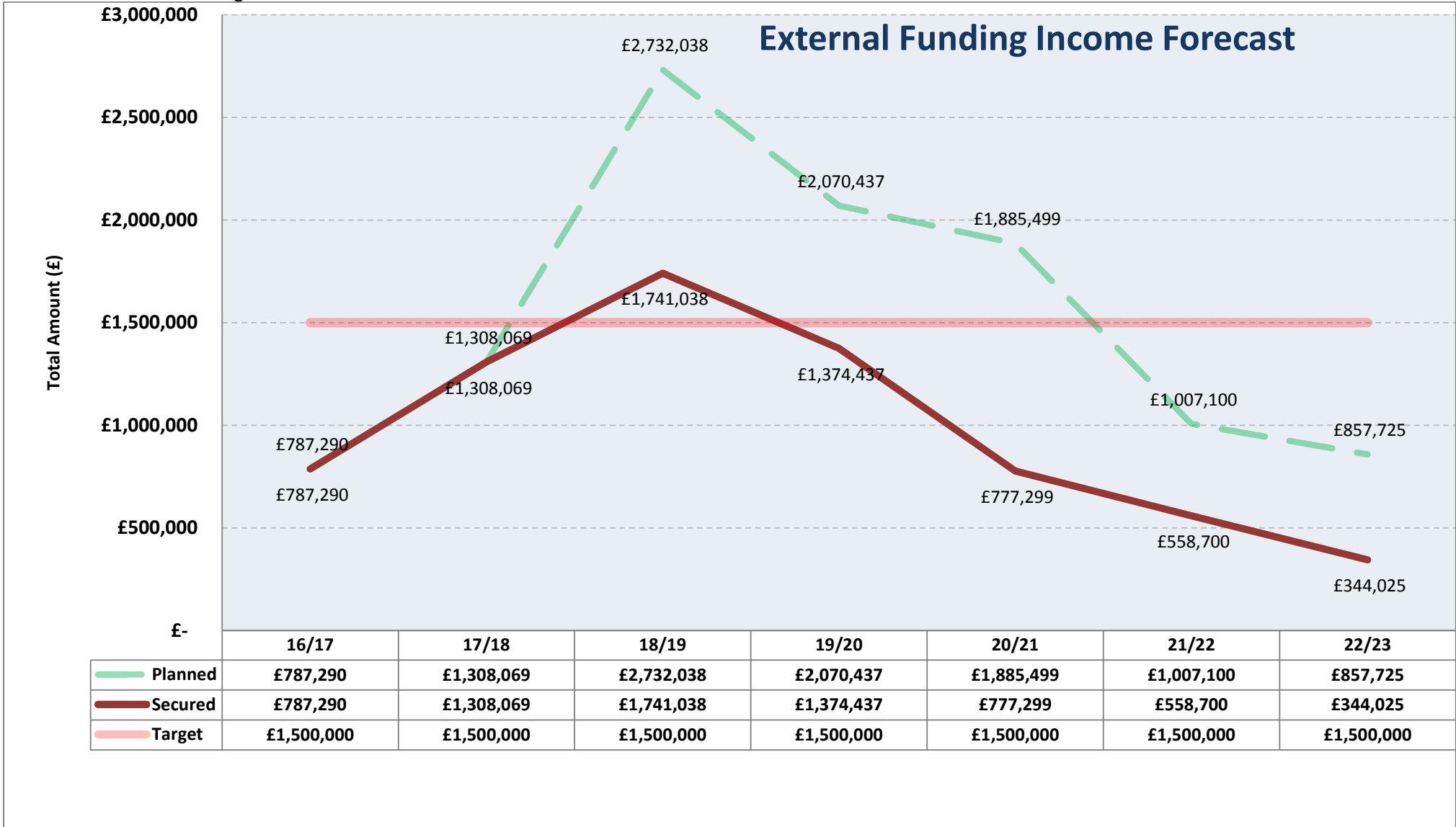
#### 3. Current External Funding Position

- 3.1 **Table 1** below provides a summary of all new external funding secured or sought by the Authority for the 17/18 and 18/19 financial years respectively.

Category	Amount(£)
<b>2017/18</b>	
Secured	£1.31m
Unsecured - with application made	-
Unsecured - in development	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1.31m</b>
<b>2018/19</b>	
Secured	£1.73m
Unsecured - with application made	-
Unsecured - in development	£1m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2.73m</b>

- 3.2 **Table 2** below provides a forecast of all external funding income over the new Business Plan period and beyond. Note this includes income from externally funded projects that are in delivery.

**Table 2: External Funding Income Forecast.**



4. **Current External Funding Activity**

4.1 **Table 3** below provides an update on projects. Please note that the Table does not include some project ideas that are at a very early stage of officer discussions, nor does it include externally funded projects that have been approved and are now in delivery.

**Table 3:** Externally funded projects update showing projects in development, those that have been submitted and are now awaiting a funding decision, and those that have been unsuccessful.

Project Title	Brief Description	Funder	Partners	Strategic Fit	Staffing Implications	Match Requirement	Total Income	Status
Ryevitalise: Reconnecting People, Reconnecting Nature.	HLF Landscape Partnership that aims to protect and enhance the Rye's natural/cultural heritage, resulting in a more natural, better functioning and better-understood landscape.	HLF – Landscape Partnership Scheme	Environment Agency, Natural England, HHAONB, Ryedale DC, Forestry Commission, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, East Yorkshire Rivers Trust	<b>MP:</b> C4,C5, E5, E8, E14-E18,E19, E36-E44 U13-U16, U8-U9 <b>BP:</b> 3. Rivers: Stage two of Ryevitalise; success of Pearl Mussel work.	Development phase: 2 FTE Delivery Phase: 3 FTE and 2 x 0.4 FTE. All posts would be project-funded.	£870k (£170k NYMNPA, £160k EA and balance from other partners / sources)	£2.2m	<i>Secured</i>  Officers are currently working to identify appropriate funding sources to fulfil the project match commitments (Update in separate report).
North Yorkshire Cliffs Partnership	Landscape Partnership Scheme that aims to celebrate the 200million year heritage of the North Yorkshire Cliffs.	HLF – Landscape Partnership Scheme	Groundwork NE (Lead)	<b>BP:</b> 4. Marine and coastal issues <b>MP:</b> U1, U2, U3, U4, U7, U8, U12	All project staff will be employed by Groundwork. Some input by existing NPA staff will be required to “steer” the project	£60k in Delivery phase	£206k (Total project cost: £2.4m)	<i>Unsuccessful</i>  Groundwork has been notified that the bid has not been recommended for funding. A further decision will be taken as whether to resubmit the bid in 2018.

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Sutton Bank: Gateway to the Moors	This project will establish the National Park Visitor Centre at Sutton Bank and the surrounding area as a leading destination for cycling, walking, horse riding, climbing and nature tourism activities.	RDPE Growth Programme		<b>BP:</b> Sutton Bank <b>MP:</b> U1, U2, U3, U4, U7, U8, U9, U13, U14, B1, B2, B4, B24	Fixed-term Full-time Project Manager included in costing to deliver project	No match requirement if project is deemed as a none-State Aid.  The project's match requirements should be considered within the context of the entire Sutton Bank Capital Improvement programme that will require Authority investment. The scale of that investment is yet to be confirmed	£915k	<i>Unsecured – In Development</i>  Invited to full application. Officers are currently refining project scope and developing the business case.
Explorer Club	Project to expand the provision of the current Explorer Club.	Sport England Families Fund		<b>MP:</b> U7, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16	0.8 FTE (or 2 x 0.4 FTE) for 3 years	£15k potential to use existing Explorer Club budget as match	~£150k	<i>Unsecured – In Development</i>  Expression of Interest submitted to Sport England.
Arncliffe Wood	The project will reduce the visual and landscape impact of the overhead transmission lines through enhancing	National Grid – Landscape Enhancement Initiative	National Trust Woodland Trust	<b>BP:</b> 10. Landscape and biodiversity improvement	Project Management provision for contractor	£45k	£170k	<i>Unsecure – Application Made</i>  Full application

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	<p>the landscape, biodiversity and public access at Arncliffe Wood and Scarth Wood Moor.</p> <p>This will be delivered through a combination of woodland management, habitat restoration and the repair of traditional boundaries.</p> <p>Is successful the project would run from Summer 18/19 for 3 years.</p>	(LEI)		<p>of Western Fringe.</p> <p>6. Ancient woodland restoration.</p> <p><b>MP:</b> E1, E11, E12, E36, E37, E39</p>				submitted to National Grid with outcome likely Q4 18/19.
North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR) Apprentices	Developing the Railway Apprentice Scheme that is incorporated in the NYMR Heritage Lottery Funded Scheme aimed at helping underpin the railways future and its resilience.	HLF	NYMR	<p><b>BP:</b> 2. Apprenticeships via the Levy.</p> <p>14. Capital contribution to North York Moors Railway Trust Bridges.</p> <p><b>MP:</b> B23</p>	To be developed	To be developed	>£300k over 3 years	<p><i>Secured</i></p> <p>Stage 1 funding has been secured for the project by NYMR.</p> <p>Officers are now scoping how Authority apprentice schemes could help deliver the NYMR scheme</p>

## 5. **Business Plans External Funding Priority Project Progress**

5.1 Work has begun to scope areas of work as prioritised for external funding in the 2017-2020 Business Plan. Progress on these is summarised below:

### 5.2 **BP Priority: Sutton Bank Capital Improvements**

**RDPE Growth Programme:** Following a successful Expression of Interest, the Authority has been invited to submit a full application to the Tourism Infrastructure call.

The application seeks capital funding to expand the provision/capacity of outdoor activities at Sutton Bank Visitor Centre and the surrounding area.

Despite previous guidance stipulating a £2million limit on any individual bid, we have been informed that this has now been capped at a €1million limit. This will require changes to the scope of the project or additional investment secured from another source.

DEFRA are seeking to apply blanket State Aid cover that would stipulate a maximum of 80% grant contributions with the remaining 20% to come from private sources. Officers have challenged this position, arguing the project activities do not constitute a State Aid and the project should therefore be eligible for 100% funding. The Rural Payments Agency (RPA), who administers the fund, is currently seeking a legal clarification on this matter. In the meantime officers are continuing to develop the project proposal and business case. Any projects receiving grant aid from the fund need to be completed by March 2019.

### 5.4 **North Yorkshire Moors Railway**

The North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR) has received Stage 1 approval for a grant of £4.6m towards a £9.2m investment programme aimed at helping underpin the railways future and its resilience. One aspect of the programme is to build a new railway apprenticeship programme that incorporates a conservation strand.

The Authority and NYMR are exploring how this work could align with the Authority's existing apprentice scheme with a view to integrate the conservation aspects into the current programme.

### 5.5 **North York Moor National Park Trust**

The Trust has been successful in securing £10k from the HLF on behalf of the Goathland Community Hub and Sports Pavilion. The project will establish a WWI Centenary walk in Goathland Village and plant 12 English Oaks to commemorate the 12 men.

## 6. **Contribution to National Park Management Plan**

6.1 The rationale behind seeking external funding and new income generation is to secure the delivery of the Business Plan and the Management Plan. Linkages to Management Plan policies are provided throughout the report.

## 7. **Legal Implications**

7.1 None at this stage.

**8. Recommendation**

- 8.1. That Members approve the contents of the report and agree the current work being done to secure external funding.

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