

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

5 February 2018

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(£)
2017/18	
Secured	£1.31m
Unsecured - with application made	-
Unsecured - in development	-
Total	£1.31m
2018/19	
Secured	£1.8m
Unsecured - with application made	-
Unsecured - in development	£780k
Total	£2.58m

- 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.

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	MP: C4,C5, E5, E8, E14-E18,E19, E36-E44 U13-U16, U8-U9 BP: 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> Phase 1 habitat and species-specific surveys have been commissioned . All partners attended a seminar in January to update on project progress and review what remains to be done ready for submission in Oct 2018. The HLF mid-point review has been confirmed for May.
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)	BP: 4. Marine and coastal issues MP: U1, U2, U3, U4, U7,	All project staff will be employed by Groundwork. Some input by existing NPA staff will be required to	£60k in Delivery phase	£206k (Total project cost: £2.4m)	<i>Unsuccessful</i> Following the unsuccessful Landscape

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				U8, U12	“steer” the project			Partnership bid, partners have decided to reduce the scope of the project to focus on community engagement and look to make a smaller Heritage Grant application.
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		BP: Sutton Bank MP: 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.	~£1.8	<i>Unsecured – In Development</i> See Section 5.

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Explorer Club	Project to expand the provision of the current Explorer Club.	HLF – Heritage Grants		MP: 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	>£200k	<i>Unsecured – In Development</i> Project enquiry submitted. Officers are in discussion with HLF Yorkshire & Humber, various community partners and Public Health England NE to further develop the application.
Arncliffe Wood	The project will reduce the visual and landscape impact of the overhead transmission lines through enhancing the landscape, biodiversity and public access at Arncliffe Wood and Scarth Wood Moor. This will be delivered through a combination of woodland management, habitat restoration and the repair of traditional boundaries. Is successful the project	National Grid – Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI)	National Trust Woodland Trust	BP: 10. Landscape and biodiversity improvement of Western Fringe. 6. Ancient woodland restoration. MP: E1, E11, E12, E36, E37, E39	Project Management provision for contractor	£45k	£170k	<i>Unsecure – Application Made</i> The application has been recommended for approval by the LEI board. The application is now awaiting final OFGEM approval.

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	would run from Summer 18/19 for 3 years.							

5. Business Plans External Funding Priority Project Progress: Sutton Bank Capital Improvements

- 5.1 The Rural Payments Agency's (RPA) initial response to the Sutton Bank RDPE Tourism Infrastructure application stipulated a €1million limit to any application and a maximum 80% grant contribution with the remaining 20% to come from private sources. These constraints would have significant impacts on the scope and the funding viability of the proposed development. The Authority has been in further discussion with the RPA and others in order to progress the application in its original form. The current position is as follows:
- 5.2 To fully enable the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) the RPA must obtain a Programme Modification request which must be agreed and signed off by the European Commission. The RPA expect to have this in place by the end of March 2018 and effectively any grant application will be 'at risk' until this point.
- 5.3 The maximum grant amount has been reinstated at the regionally-agreed maximum of £2million.
- 5.4 Officers are refining the content of the application within the £2m bid envelope. Of the £460k of NPA reserves already allocated, £150-£200k has been earmarked for bid development costs and the remaining £260k to fund ineligible costs and/or provide further contingency.
- 5.5 The anticipated submission date for the full application is the end May 2018.

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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