

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

24 May 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.

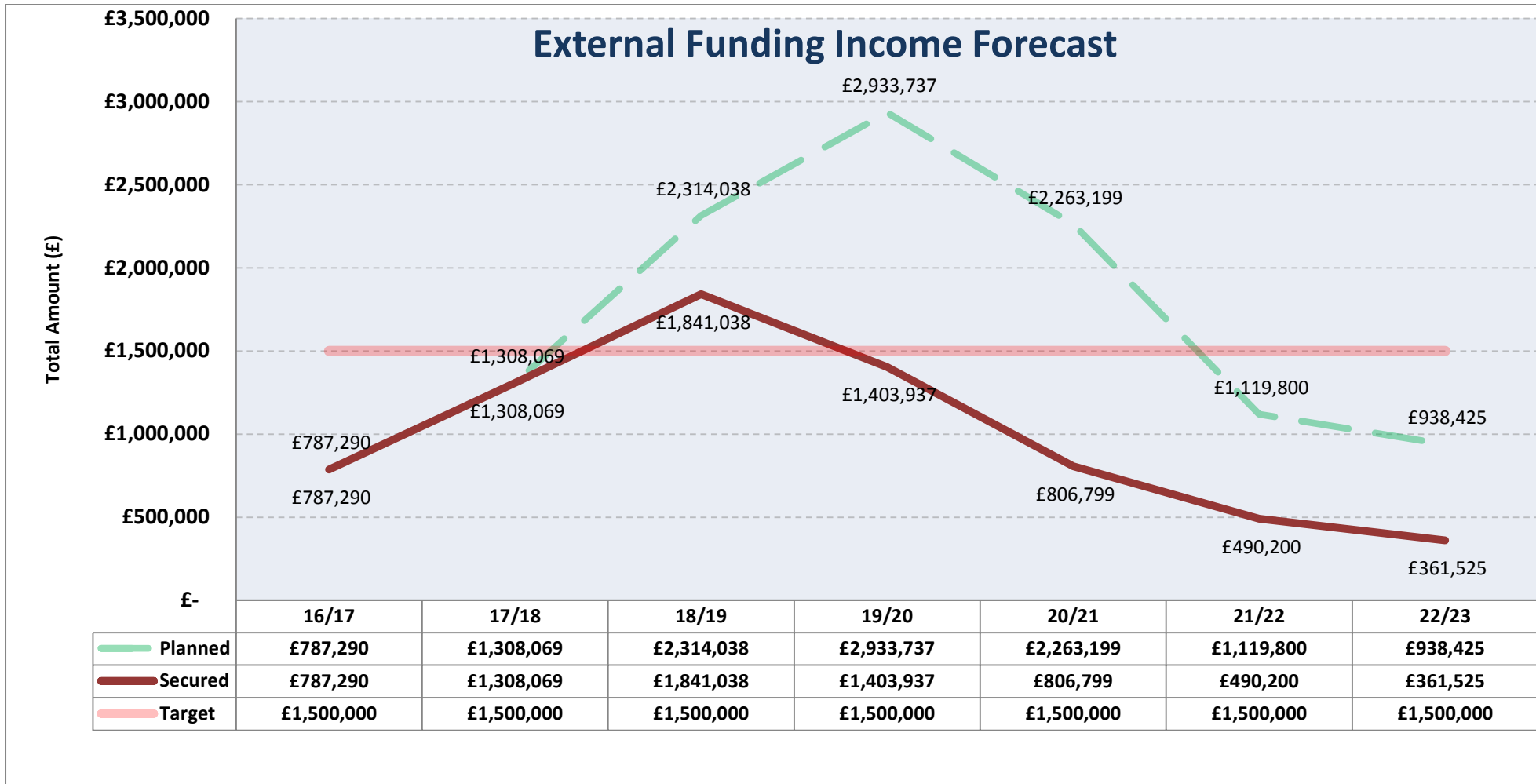
3. Current External Funding Position

- 3.1 **Table 1** below provides a summary of all new external funding secured or sought by the Authority for the current financial year.

Category	Amount(£)
2018/19	
Secured	£1.8m
Unsecured - with application made	£173k
Unsecured - in development	£300k
Total	£2.3m

- 3.2 **Table 2** below provides a forecast of all external funding income over the current 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.

Members will note the success in gaining a third round of funding for the Monument Management Scheme, which in its revised form will be known as Monuments for the Future

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
Monuments for the Future	Monuments for the Future will deliver integrated monument management, centred on volunteering, community and landowner engagement, in order to build on the achievements of MMS1-3 and secure a sustainable future for Scheduled Monuments across the National Park.	Historic England		MP: C2, E5, E8 BP: E5, E9, 15. Renewed Buildings and Monuments at Risk programme	2 project-funded posts: 0.6 FTE Volunteer coordinator and 0.4 FTE Project Officer with an additional 0.4 FTE funded from match contribution.	£90k from Historic Environment revenue with additional S106 contribution.	£170k	<i>Secured</i> Funding agreed in principle. Awaiting formal confirmation letter.
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> Officers are preparing for the Stage 1 HLF review meeting in July as a precursor to final submission in October to secure Stage 2 funding. This includes finalising the sources for

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								the project's match commitments. Stage 2 Landscape Partnership funding will be subject to increased competition as a result of a reduced HLF budgets.
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	~£900k	<i>Unsecured – In Development</i> Invited to full application. Officers are currently holding internal discussions to refine the project scope and develop the business case. This is alongside further conservation with the RPA into State Aid

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						investment. The scale of that investment is yet to be confirmed.		cover and project delivery timescales.
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 of existing Explorer Club budget as match and an additional £5k cash match.	~£203k	<i>Unsecured – In Development</i> Project enquiry submitted to HLF. 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	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,	Project Management provision for contractor (reduces staff time demand).	£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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	management, habitat restoration and the repair of traditional boundaries. Is successful the project would run from Summer 18/19 for 3 years.			E37, E39				
WEG-Esk Catchment	Project to provide advice and capital funding to farmers and land managers in the Esk catchment to reduce sources diffuse pollution and provide wider biodiversity improvements.	Water Environment Grant	Esk 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.	Maximum 15% project management time supported by the fund	None but some salary shortfall remains even if successful	£472k	<i>Unsecure – Application Made</i> Application submitted. Funding decision due July 2018.
WEG-Rye Catchment	Project to remove barriers to fish passage at two sites within the Rye catchment.	Water Environment Grant (EAFRD via EA/NE)	York Derwent Partnership	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.	Maximum 15% project management time supported by the fund	None	£311k	<i>Unsecure – Application Made</i> Application submitted. Funding decision due July 2018.

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Esk Valley Constructed Wetland Project	<p>Application to Asset Management Plan (AMP) to establish a wetland system at three YW treatment sites Esk catchment.</p> <p>The application is for a standalone 1 year baseline monitoring project (19/20)flowed by a 5 year capital and monitoring project covering the 5 years of the AMP programme (2020-25)</p>	Yorkshire Water AMP 7	EA Yorkshire Esk Rivers Trust	<p>MP: C4,C5, E5, E8, E14-E18,E19, E36-E44 U13-U16, U8-U9</p> <p>BP: 3. Rivers: Stage two of Ryevitalise; success of Pearl Mussel work.</p>	Officer time included in bid	None	<p>£29k for 1 year base line project.</p> <p>£316k for implem entation</p>	<p><i>Unsecure – Application Made</i></p> <p><i>The application is currently being reviewed by Yorkshire Water</i></p>
Glaisdale Rock Ramp	Project to remove a priority physical barrier to fish migration on Glaisdale beck	European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)	EA Yorkshire Esk Rivers Trust	<p>MP: C4,C5, E5, E8, E14-E18,E19, E36-E44 U13-U16, U8-U9</p> <p>BP: 3. Rivers: Stage two of Ryevitalise; success of Pearl Mussel work.</p>	Contractor delivered	£4.5k LOI	£27k	<p><i>Unsecure – Application Made</i></p> <p><i>Bid submitted 27/4/18 a decision is due Q2 2018</i></p>

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

- 5.1 Officers have been in further discussion with the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) following recent amendments to the size and scope of the planned improvement works at Sutton Bank. Members have agreed revised plans concentrating on delivering an expanded outdoor activities offer at the centre, combined with a small amount of additional car parking to accommodate the anticipated growth in visitors at peak times.
- 5.2 The main car park extension at a cost of approximately £270k would be funded from Authority reserves previously allocated to Sutton Bank.
- 5.3 In meantime, the RPA is awaiting sign-off of the Programme Modification by the European Commission.

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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