

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

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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 18/19 financial year only.

Category	Amount(£)
2018/19	
Secured	£1.8m
Unsecured - with application made	£197k
Unsecured - in development	£300k
Total	£2.34m

- 3.2 **Table 2** below provides a forecast of all external funding income over the entire 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
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 (HE)		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> HE acceptance forms signed, funding for staff backdated to beginning of May 2018.
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;	Development phase: 2 FTE Delivery Phase: 4 FTE and 2 x 0.8 FTE. All posts would be project-funded. Plus support from core staff	£968k (already secured: £153k NYMNPA reserves, £160k EA, £20k FC, £26k HHAONB/RoW, £320k In-kind, max. £319k s106) Remainder £556,800k to be sought from a combination of additional match funding opportunities	£3,398 m	Stage 1 <i>Secured</i> Stage 2 <i>Unsecured – In Development</i> Update provided in separate to FRASC committee paper: <i>Ryevitalise Landscape Partnership</i>

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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 and nature tourism activities.	RDPE Growth Programme		BP: Sutton Bank MP: U1, U2, U3, U4, U7, U8, U9, U13, U14, B1, B2, B4, B24	Project Management included in construction costs.	No match requirement if project is deemed as a none-State Aid. There are essential works that are not eligible for funding (such as car parking) that 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.	~£780k	<i>Unsecured – In Development</i> Revised EOI approved and a full application has been invited.
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	£17k	£160k	<i>Unsecure – Application Made</i> Bid submitted,

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Arncliffe Wood – Woodland Restoration	<p>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.</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>	National Grid – Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI)	National Trust Woodland Trust	<p>BP: 10. Landscape and biodiversity improvement of Western Fringe.</p> <p>6. Ancient woodland restoration.</p> <p>MP: E1, E11, E12, E36, E37, E39</p>	Project Management provision for contractor (reduces staff time demand).	£45k	£170k	<p><i>Unsecure – Application Made</i></p> <p>The application has been recommended for approval by the LEI board. The application is now awaiting final OFGEM approval.</p>
Kepwick – Rhododendron control and Woodland Restoration	Project to eradicate or control invasive Rhododendron along with some control of bracken and gorse within a 115 hectare area. Rhododendron is present in varying concentrations and poses an increasing	National Grid – Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI)		<p>BP: 10. Landscape and biodiversity improvement of Western Fringe.</p> <p>6. Ancient woodland</p>	Project Management provision for contractor (reduces staff time demand).	£63k (Potentially existing staff time and/or Core Policy D)	£187k over 3 years	<p><i>Unsecure – In Development</i></p> <p>EOI submitted and approved. Full application in development.</p>

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	<p>threat to local biodiversity and reduction in access and amenity.</p> <p>The project will create 15 hectares of woodland and wood pasture providing a more natural native habitat.</p>			<p>restoration.</p> <p>MP: E1, E11, E12, E36, E37, E39</p>				
WEG-Esk Catchment	Project to provide advice and capital funding to farmers and land managers in the Esk catchment to reduce sources of diffuse pollution and provide wider biodiversity improvements.	Water Environment Grant	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>	Maximum 15% project management time supported by the fund	None but some salary shortfall remains even if successful	£472k	<p><i>Unsecure – Application Made</i></p> <p>Application submitted. Funding decision due September 2018.</p>
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	<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>	Maximum 15% project management time supported by the fund	None	£311k	<p><i>Unsecure – Application Made</i></p> <p>Application submitted. Funding decision due September 2018.</p>

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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. Implications of EU Exit Negotiations on EU-funded funding applications

- 5.1 There is the potential for a total of £1.56m of EU funding in the current external funding pipeline. This is made up of the 2 Water Environment Grants (WEG) and the Sutton Banks RDPE application. Most of this money would be spent at a point after the UK leaves the EU. £1.56m is a large proportion of the Authority's annual spend and larger than its non-earmarked reserves.
- 5.2 Officers assume that there may be some scenarios where there are potential risks attached to EU funding, as the BREXIT process/outcomes remain not fully certain. It is suggested that the Authority seeks to minimise any risk of EU monies not ultimately being received by the Authority. As of 24th July 2018, the Treasury has guaranteed funding for successful bids for EU funding until the end of 2020 and that applicants will receive their full financial allocation and will continue to receive funding over a project's lifetime. Officers are awaiting written assurance from DEFRA confirming this position.

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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