

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

18 November 2019

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.

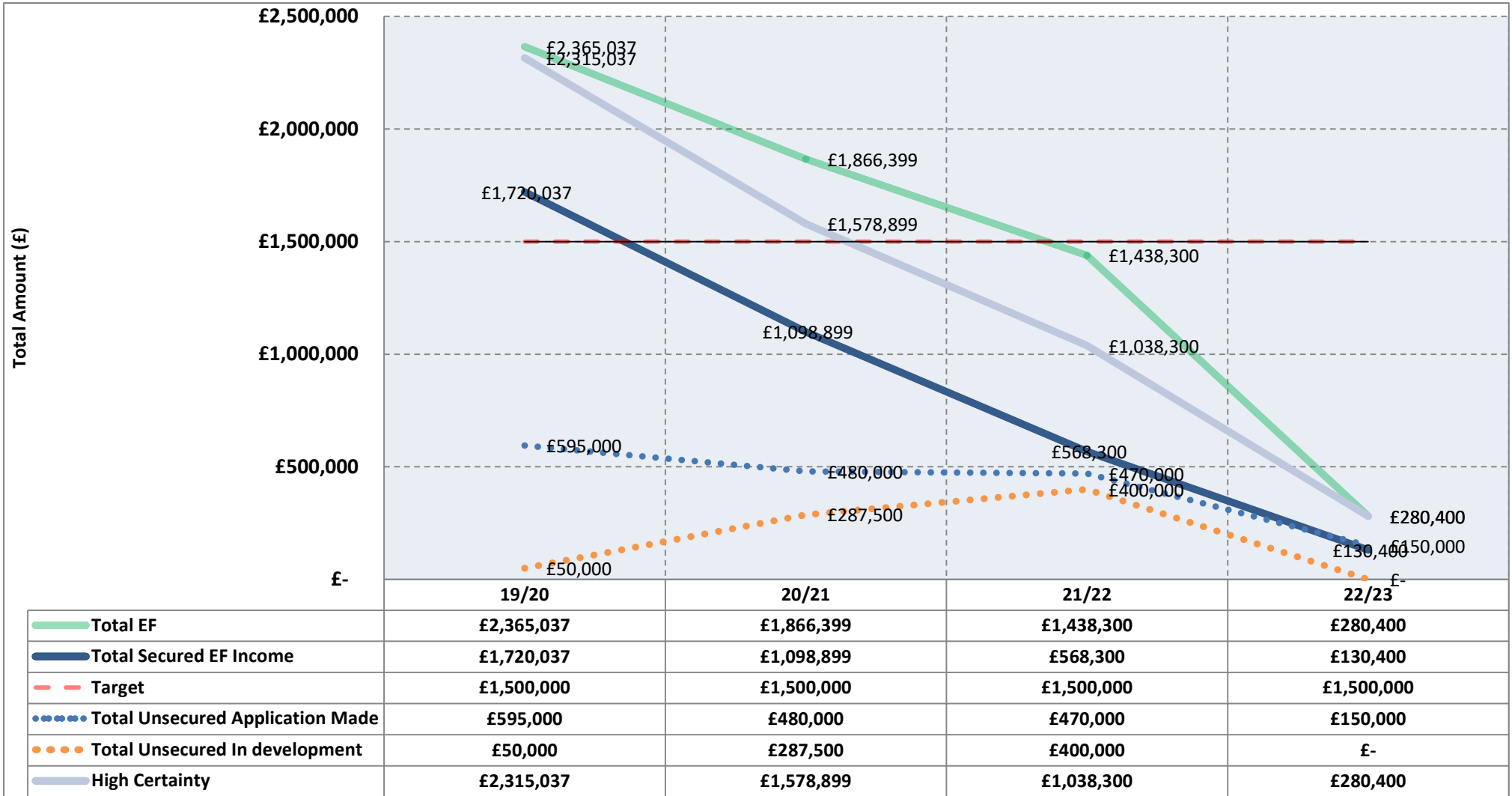
3. Current External Funding Position

The table below provides a summary of all external funded income secured or sought by the Authority for the financial year 19/20.

Category	Amount(£)
Secured	£1.72m
Unsecured - with application made	£595k
Unsecured - in development	£50k
Total	£2.34m

- 3.1 **Table 2** 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.
- 3.2 **Table 3** provides further detail of all current and forecast external funding income from the current financial year onwards. Totals are given for each stage of activity: *secured, high certainty, unsecured application-made and in development.*

Table 3: External Funding Income Forecast (Detailed)



4. **Current External Funding Activity**

4.1 **Table 4** below provides an update on projects. These reflect the external funding priorities in the Business Plan. 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 4: 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
Sutton Bank: Gateway to the Moors	This project will establish the National Park 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.	£732k	<i>Unsecured – Application Made</i> Positive feedback has been given on the application but RPA require two elements to be re-tendered. This has been done and will be submitted w/c 11 November with a decision expected in December
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.	Stage 1 £2k Stage 2 £15k	£170k	<i>Stage 1 Secure</i> Stage 2 submitted decision expected Q4 19/20
Kepwick – Rhododendron control and Woodland Restoration	Project to eradicate or control invasive Rhododendron along with some control of bracken and gorse	National Grid – Landscape Enhancement Initiative		BP: 10. Landscape and biodiversity improvement	Project Management provision for contractor (reduces staff time demand).	£63k (<i>Existing</i> staff time and Core Policy D)	£150k over 3 years	<i>Unsecure – Application Made</i> Full application

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	<p>within a 115 hectare area. Rhododendron is present in varying concentrations and poses an increasing 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>	(LEI)		<p>of Western Fringe.</p> <p>6. Ancient woodland restoration.</p> <p>MP: E1, E11, E12, E36, E37, E39</p>				made. Outcome expected Q3 19/20
Rye and Esk: Blue Corridor Project	<p>Application to ERDF PA6 Biodiversity Call,</p> <p>The project will deliver habitat restoration, water quality improvement work and access improvements within the Rye and Esk. Delivery will take place from 2020 to 2023.</p>	ERDF	Yorkshire Water, NYCC	<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>	Full time project officer included in bid. Officer time included in bid.	£1m total project cost: £501k ERDF £30k NYMNPA £210k s106 £130k Yorkshire Water AMP £115k NLHF £15k NYCC	£501k	<p><i>Unsecure – Application Made</i></p> <p>Outline application submitted. Invitations for full application announced in November.</p>
North Yorkshire EV Charge Point Network	2 Year project to deliver a network of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging points across the county of North Yorkshire to plug existing gaps in provision.	ERDF	NYCC(Lead) Hambleton DC Richmondshire DC, YDNPA, Scarborough BC, Selby DC,	BP: Renewables in NYMNPA buildings	NYCC-led. Officer input will be required as in-kind contribution.	£15k NYMNPA (£5k per year FY's 20-21 and 21-22)	£15k	<p><i>Unsecure – Application Made</i></p> <p>Outline application submitted. Invitations for</p>

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	<p>The delivery of the project will be project managed by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC, the applicant) with suppliers and contractors appointed for infrastructure works and marketing.</p> <p>The project would fund the installation of 2 EV charge point at each visitor centre.</p>		<p>Ryedale DC, Craven DC, Harrogate DC</p>					<p>full application announced in November.</p>

5. **Update of ERDF Blue Corridor Outline Application**

- 5.1 Officers have submitted an outline application to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) under the Commission's Priority Axis 6 - Biodiversity.
- 5.2 The project seeks to deliver habitat restoration and water quality improvement work within the National Park's two Blue Corridors, the Rye and the Esk catchments. It will integrate with the current work programme to deliver increased outcomes in both catchments. Delivery would take place from 2020 to 2023.
- 5.3 The project's major deliverables will be: (1) to address approximately 25 in-channel obstacles to restore connectivity and naturally functioning river processes; (2) control approximately 40 hectares of the invasive non-native species Himalayan balsam; (3) create 4 new circular access routes in the Rye catchment; and (4) improved water quality and ecological monitoring to assess the impact of the Blue Corridors project.
- 5.4 The total project cost is £1,000,645. Match will be provided by Yorkshire Water, s106, NYCC and NLHF funding secured within the Ryevitalise Landscape Partnership scheme. An additional £30k of match would come from Authority revenue budgets. Table 4 provides a breakdown of the total funding being sought and the match provision. The project will provide additional staff capacity to work alongside the existing delivery teams.
- 5.5 The project will help deliver Business Plan priority 3. Rivers: *Stage two of Ryevitalise; success of Pearl Mussel work* and would deliver significant connectivity outcomes. The project would secure the additional match funding targeted for the Rye and enable a longer term funding stream for restoration work on the Esk.

6. **Update on ERDF EV Charge Point Outline Application**

- 6.1 North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) has submitted an outline application to ERDF under the Commission's Priority Axis 4 – Low Carbon. The project seeks to deploy an electric charge point network over the county focussing on hard-to-reach areas. The project is looking to both increase uptake and encourage uptake of electric vehicles. The project would install up to 2 EV charge points at each NYNMPA visitor centre.
- 6.2 The project delivery partners include: NYCC(Lead), Hambleton DC, Richmondshire DC, Yorkshire Dales NPA, Scarborough BC, Selby DC, Ryedale DC, Craven DC and Harrogate DC.
- 6.3 The Authority has indicated a nominal £15k match contribution to the project spread over financial years 20/21 and 21/22; the 20/21 contribution is included in the draft 20/21 budget. The total project cost is £1.1m.
- 6.4 In the event that the application is unsuccessful, the Authority will need to consider how it can address the issue of low EV charge point coverage within the Park.

7. **Contribution to National Park Management Plan**

- 7.1 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.

8. **Legal Implications**

8.1 None at this stage.

9. **Recommendation**

9.1 That Members approve the contents of the report and agree the current work being done to secure external funding, including the match funding at para 6.3.

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