

North York Moors National Park Authority Urgency Committee

Public Minutes of the meeting held at The Old Vicarage, Helmsley on Wednesday 8 March 2017.

Present:

Caroline Patmore, Ted Sanderson, Jeremy Walker.

Apologies:

Christopher Massey

Officers in Attendance:

Andy Wilson (Chief Executive), Irene Brannon (Director of Corporate Services/Deputy s151 Officer), Chris France (Director of Planning), Vanessa Burgess (Committees Officer)

Copies of All Documents Considered Are In The Minute Book

01/17 **Election of Chair**

Resolved:

That Jeremy Walker be elected Chair of the Urgency Committee, to take office until the first meeting of Urgency Committee following the Annual General Meeting of the Authority.

02/17 **Election of Deputy Chair**

Resolved:

That Caroline Patmore be elected Deputy Chair of the Urgency Committee, to take office until the first meeting of Urgency Committee following the Annual General Meeting of the Authority.

Jeremy Walker InThe Chair

03/17 **Minutes**

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the meeting held on ,17 October 2013 having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

04/17 **Members Interests**

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal and prejudicial interests relating to any agenda item prior to its consideration.

05/17 **Response to Communities and Local Government (CLG) relating to the Proposal to Increase the National Planning Fees**

Considered:

The report of the Director of Corporate Services and Deputy s151 Officer

Jeremy Walker thanked Officers for the report.

Andy Wilson, Chief Executive gave members some background information to the report:

- Mandate to increase income
- Expecting to see an increase in Planning fees
- Short timescales, decision needed by 13 March 2017
- Looking at agreed budget
- Benchmarking of DM costs
- Spend in DM increasing, plus just appointed a Polyhalite Director

Discussion followed:

Chris France, Director of Planning informed members that several other NP's he had contacted wished to pursue the proposal relating to increase of the National Planning Fees. There hadn't been any increase in fees for approx. 5 years. It was important for the NYMNPA to get the balance right and that Officers considered that a 20% increase in fees was acceptable.

Discussion followed regarding the impact the increase would have on application costs and inflation and how/where the monies would be spent:

- CPI 7.2% - Increase above inflation
- Would mean fees increasing from approx. £175 to £205, linked to NP performance, applicants would still be getting good value for money
- Members were supportive of the increase, but did voice one concern regarding the extra costs to smaller development companies
- A significant proportion of the funds to support the Polyhalite post would come from S106 money
- Careful audit trail required for S106 money, especially as some monies would be allocated to Tourism and Conservation
- Respond positively to CLG re: fee increases, though members considered smaller, more frequent incremental increases a better option than a one off large increase.

Resolved:

Members authorised the Deputy s151 Officer to confirm on behalf of the Authority that the North York Moors National Park Authority wished to be included in the regulations which affect the 20% increase in planning application fees from July 2017.

..... (Chair)
26 June 2017

**Public Summary of Items considered "in private"
at the meeting of the Urgency Committee
on Wednesday 8 March 2017**

Private Minutes

Members agreed that the private minutes of the meeting held on, 17 October 2013 having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.