

North York Moors National Park Authority

25 June 2018

Reports from Members on Outside Bodies

1. **Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To consider reports from Members attending meetings on outside bodies as representatives on the Authority.

2. **Background**

- 2.1 It has been agreed that Members attending meetings of bodies where they are representing the Authority should present a report, either verbal or written, on the issues discussed.

3. **Campaign for National Parks**

- 3.1 David Jeffels report can be found at **Appendix 1**

4. **Housing Board for Local Government York, North Yorkshire and East Riding**

- 4.1 Notes from the Housing Board meetings held on 23 April attended by Alison Fisher can be found at **Appendix 2**.

5. **Spatial Planning and Transport Board**

- 5.1 Andrew Scott will give members a brief verbal update on the work of the Spatial Planning and Transport Board at the meeting.

6. **Financial and Staffing Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial or staffing implications.

7. **Legal Implications**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications.

8. **Recommendation**

- 8.1 That the report be noted.

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CAMPAIGN FOR NATIONAL PARKS

Making National Parks more abundant with wildlife is seen as one of CNP's current priorities and this is also a key feature in the newly published 25 year Environment Plan for the English Parks.

In addition CNP is progressing work on making National Parks more accessible for the launch of its report: "National Parks for all: making car free travel easier."

Increasing biodiversity in NPs is a key feature in a new report which is due to be published in the next two months, which will focus on the whole concept of making parks even more beautiful. CNP is focusing on potential solutions and ideas and I plan to provide NYMNPA members with a report on details following a future meeting I am having with CNP officers. Ways in which NPs can encourage more wildlife by raising public awareness and highlighting what could be achieved are currently being explored especially the language used to communicate the message that "rewilding" can have.

Involving the public in what have been identified as "Citizen Science Projects" has also been taken on board by CNP council.

CNP's new 25 YEAR ENVIRONMENT PLAN is probably one of the most important documents it has published for several years. It particularly highlights the need to restore high quality wildlife through Nature recovery Networks and to re-engage people with nature. The implications of pursuing such policies can have many benefits particularly to such NPs as the North York Moors in terms of tourism, education, engaging youngsters in the environment, and not least Health and Wellbeing and the bigger picture of improving health to keep the public fitter and so reduce pressures in the long term on the NS.

I expect to be reporting in more detail on this later when feedback is obtained from a wide range of conservation, wildlife and nature organisations as well as CPRE, YHA, Ramblers Association, Open Spaces Society, by CNP because all these organisations (most of which are members of CNP Council) have views which are valuable in taking forward the 25 Year Plan.

CNP is also applying to Heritage Lottery Fund to support under-represented groups in the heritage and creation of NPs.

If any member of the NYMNPA has any queries or points they would wish me to make on the CNP 25 Year Report please let me know.

DAVID JEFFELS

NYMNPA representative on Campaign for National Parks

Housing Board, Local Government York, North Yorkshire and East Riding, 23 April 2018

Significant discussions covered:

1 Asylum Seeker Dispersal Programme – after discussions with the Home Office all the housing local authorities on the Board were in broad agreement with the revised proposals subject to certain minor criteria. All LAs involved will seek their authority's endorsement.

2 Syrian Refugees Resettlement Programme – the ongoing scheme is seen as working well. Meanwhile the Home Office is now looking to prepare for a post 2020 programme and the dispersal programme is likely to be widened to include several more Y, NY&ER authorities.

3 Community Housing Fund and Hub – the Hub is continuing to grow, adding to its list of advisers - a broader list of surveyors/funders/planners etc. is needed. The Hub will work with local authorities' planners to secure compliance with Local Plans. It was reported that 25 community housing schemes are in the pipeline- seen as very positive by the Board.

4 Housing Deal for North Yorkshire – the Directors of Development and Chairs of Housing Committees are devising a wish-list of affordable housing needs using Local Plans etc. to present to government for future commitments for funding. The Deal will also seek a Design Quality Fund via the LEP which will help in developing a Masterplan for some of the larger housing sites in the region (e.g. Catterick) so that better quality layouts/landscaping/housing mix etc. can be achieved. The Deal has also appointed GVA to investigate several sites with unimplemented planning permissions and find out what problems are frustrating development.

5 Off site construction – the rep from David Wilson Homes gave a talk on housing construction options and problems; he highlighted poor brick supplies, plastering skills shortages, internal door manufacture not keeping up with demand etc. DWH are building using timber frame on some sites which tends to add £4k per plot but built costs over 12 weeks and gives good noise and thermal benefits but timber availability is an issue; conversely traditional build averages 30 weeks build time but is cheaper but has materials supply frustrations; steel frame build adds £9k per plot and struggles with NHBC and Building Regs compliance. DWH are looking at European construction methods such as large light weight blocks and large block foundation slab. **

6 Housing Association update – they aim to supply 1600 units per annum but find themselves in competition with volume house builders and are increasingly looking to secure small and medium sized sites which are often less cost effective to, develop. One solution proposed is that LAs, when issuing planning permissions for larger sites, secure an agreement with the developer that a Housing Association will be able to develop some of its annual commitment within the consented site. The HA reps both noted that Hull City Council's Local Plan has a housing size standard, the only Local Plan in the region with this requirement; should other LAs seek this in their Local Plans?

Next Meeting 23 July 2018 ** this will be at a Premier Modular's site at Brandesburton, East Yorkshire to tour the factory and see a show home on site.

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