

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

12 August 2013

External Funding

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update Members on the work currently being undertaken to secure external funding to support some of the Authority's work programmes and priorities.

2. Background

- 2.1 This report provides a brief update on projects for which external funding is being sought.

3 Projects Approved

- 3.1 No new approvals to report.

4. Projects Submitted/Awaiting Decision

- 4.1 **Cycling in National Parks** – as reported to the May meeting, our £4.8m bid was submitted on 30 April with an anticipated funding decision to be made by the end of June. As the decision date drew closer, the Department for Transport advised that the decision would be delayed. At the time of writing this report, no decision has been made.
- 4.2 **This Exploited Land** – the Stage One bid was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund on 30 May. The final bid was for the maximum £3m grant which represents 52% of total project costs. Match funding, services in kind and volunteer time created a significant improvement over the minimum 10% match requirement.
- 4.3 As part of the assessment process, HLF were to make a short site visit on 31 July. A verbal report on that visit will be brought to the meeting. A small party from HLF was to include the Regional Director, the case officer and an external consultant. The plan was to visit sites in Rosedale.
- 4.4 The Regional HLF Committee will review the local applications and grade them into priority categories (High, Medium and Low) ahead of the main HLF Board considering the applications in October. The process is competitive and we have been advised that the programme is oversubscribed four fold. Four bids, including ours, have been received in the Yorkshire and Humber Region.
- 4.5 **Coastal Communities Fund** – officers are looking at a potential bid to the Coastal Communities Fund in 2014 for a project in Staithes.
- 4.6 **Other Funding Potential** – officers are assessing potential project ideas for future funding bids including the new Community Sport Activation Fund from Sport England which aims to increase participation in sport. Such a bid would complement the DfT Cycling in National Parks project. Further reports will be brought to future meetings.

These bids will be analysed for strategic fit with the Management Plan and Business Plan priorities.

5. Projects rejected

5.1 No projects have been rejected since the previous report.

6. ANPA Conference Funding

6.1 Officers are working on securing contributions towards the cost of the ANPA Conference and in particular for a 'prize' for the Green Travel Award. At the time of writing, confirmation was awaited of a £1,000 contribution from Scottish Natural Heritage and £3,000 contribution from Natural Resources Wales. A further update will be provided at the meeting.

7. Financial and staffing implications

7.1 None.

8. Sustainability Appraisal

8.1 All project proposals for external funding take into consideration sustainability criteria for the North York Moors National Park and help fulfil the National Park Management Plan.

9. Legal implications

9.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

10. Recommendation

10.1 That Members approve the external fundraising work currently being undertaken.

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