

## 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	£1.9m
Unsecured - with application made	£146k
Unsecured - in development	£300k
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2.34m</b>

- 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
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	<b>MP:</b> C4,C5, E5, E8, E14-E18,E19, E36-E44 U13-U16, U8-U9 <b>BP:</b> 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 and revenue funding.	£3,398 m	Stage 1 <i>Secured</i>  Stage 2 <i>Unsecured – In Development</i>  An application deadline has been granted for the 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
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		<b>BP:</b> Sutton Bank <b>MP:</b> 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	~£780k	<i>Unsecured – In Development</i>  Revised EOI approved and a full application has been invited.

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						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.		
Explorer Club	Project to expand the provision of the current Explorer Club.	HLF – Heritage Grants		<b>MP:</b> 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	£173k	<i>Secure</i>  Stage 1 application secured. Officers have been given permission to start the 6 month development phase.
Arncliffe Wood – Woodland Restoration	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.	National Grid – Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI)	National Trust Woodland Trust	<b>BP:</b> 10. Landscape and biodiversity improvement of Western Fringe.  6. Ancient woodland	Project Management provision for contractor (reduces staff time demand).	£45k	£170k	<i>Unsecure – Application Made</i>  The application has been recommended for approval by the LEI board. The application

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	<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>			<p>restoration.</p> <p><b>MP:</b> E1, E11, E12, E36, E37, E39</p>				is now awaiting final OFGEM approval.
Kepwick – Rhododendron control and Woodland Restoration	<p>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 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>	National Grid – Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI)		<p><b>BP:</b> 10. Landscape and biodiversity improvement of Western Fringe.</p> <p>6. Ancient woodland restoration.</p> <p><b>MP:</b> E1, E11, E12, E36, E37, E39</p>	Project Management provision for contractor (reduces staff time demand).	£63k ( <i>Existing</i> staff time and Core Policy D)	£150k over 3 years	<p><i>Unsecure – Application Made</i></p> <p>Full application made. Outcome expected Q4 18/19.</p>

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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	<b>MP:</b> C4,C5, E5, E8, E14-E18,E19, E36-E44 U13-U16, U8-U9 <b>BP:</b> 3. Rivers: Stage two of Ryevitalise; success of Pearl Mussel work.	Maximum 15% project management time supported by the fund	None but some salary shortfall remains even if successful	£472k	<i>Unsecure – Application Made</i>  Application submitted. Funding decision due November 2018.
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	<b>MP:</b> C4,C5, E5, E8, E14-E18,E19, E36-E44 U13-U16, U8-U9 <b>BP:</b> 3. Rivers: Stage two of Ryevitalise; success of Pearl Mussel work.	Maximum 15% project management time supported by the fund	None	£311k	<i>Unsecure – Application Made</i>  Application submitted. Funding decision due November 2018.
Esk Valley Constructed Wetland Project	Application to Asset Management Plan (AMP) to establish a wetland system at three YW treatment sites Esk catchment.  The application is for a standalone 1 year baseline monitoring	Yorkshire Water AMP 7	EA Yorkshire Esk Rivers Trust	<b>MP:</b> C4,C5, E5, E8, E14-E18,E19, E36-E44 U13-U16, U8-U9 <b>BP:</b> 3. Rivers: Stage two of Ryevitalise; success of	Officer time included in bid	None	£29k for 1 year base line project.  £316k for implementation	<i>Unsecure – Application Made</i>  The application is currently being reviewed by Yorkshire Water

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	project (19/20)flowed by a 5 year capital and monitoring project covering the 5 years of the AMP programme (2020-25)			Pearl Mussel work.				
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	<b>MP:</b> C4,C5, E5, E8, E14-E18,E19, E36-E44 U13-U16, U8-U9 <b>BP:</b> 3. Rivers: Stage two of Ryevitalise; success of Pearl Mussel work.	Contractor delivered	£9K LOI	£29k	<i>Secured</i>  Secured and works now in progress.

## 5. **Forge Valley Boardwalk**

- 5.1 Following an initial Expression of Interest, Raincliffe Wood Community Enterprise (RWCE) has been invited by the Rural Payment Agency (RPA) to submit a full application to the RDPE Tourism Infrastructure call. The project seeks to upgrade the wooden boardwalk at Forge Valley Nature Reserve. The new boardwalk will provide improved disability access and the recycled plastic material being proposed as a replacement for the existing wooden construction will have a significantly longer lifespan. The project will also improve car parking, footway and construct a new bridge. The Authority is supportive of the project.
- 5.2 RWCE is a small Community Interest Company (CIC) with limited resources and is looking for assistance developing the bid and to provide assistance with cash flow during the project delivery.
- 5.3 The North York Moors National Park Trust has offered its support through the donation of officer time to assist with bid writing. This has been gratefully accepted by the group.
- 5.4 RWCE has requested that the Authority and Scarborough Borough Council, the landowner, cover the bid development costs. These include developing the projects plans, costings and seeking all necessary permissions. The development costs are expected to be a maximum of £28 K with the hope being that the Authority will contribute upto half of these costs. Officers have agreed to contribute £5K to the development costs and will need to consider how, or if, to commit a further £9K if required.
- 5.5 The nature of the project will require significant outlay for materials (~£400k) which under the fund's terms will need to be claimed back in arrears. RWCE does not have sufficient reserves to cover this level of expenditure and have approached the Authority along with Scarborough Borough Council, the landowner, to assist in terms of cash flow.
- 5.6 Scarborough Borough Council has offered to cash flow the project. The risk of additional costs incurred through any ineligible project expenditure would be shared with the Authority. The prescriptive nature of the RPA application process would mean the risk of ineligible expenditure being incorporated into the final bid would be low. This risk would be covered by the emergency reserve.
- 5.7 Forge Valley is not priority in the current Business Plan however it is clearly important work and meets Park purposes. To date the Authority has been unable to identify an alternative funding mechanism.
- 5.8 Forge Valley and the Sutton Bank improvement application are being made to the same RDPE Tourism Infrastructure fund. This presents the potential for competition; however officers believe this risk to be low given the total size of available funding and the current levels of uptake.
- 5.9 Officers recommend the Authority continues to support the project and provide the additional assistance with financing that has been requested.

## 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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