

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

27 August 2018

Members Training in 2018/19 and Programme for 2019/20

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To review the Member training provided in 2018/19 and discuss possible topics for inclusion to the Member Training programme 2019/20.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Members training programme is organised on an annual basis. It is designed to be wide ranging in its scope to enable Members to have a good knowledge both of the requirements of their role and of the work that the Authority is undertaking.

3. Review of Training in 2018/19

- 3.1 The following member events took place in 2018/19:
- Members evening seminar – 26/4/2018 – Woodsmith Mine/Pannett Park Museum visit
 - Members evening seminar – 27/6/2018 – Capacity/Prioritisation
 - Members training day – 4/7/2018 – Communications/Marketing
 - Members evening seminar – 23/8/2018 – Future Farming/National Park Review
 - Members evening seminar – 11/10/2018 – Budget/Financial Planning
 - Members training day – 23-24/10/2018 –Northumberland Sill visit
 - Members training day – 6/3/2019 – Planning developments site visits
 - Members evening seminar – 23/5/2019 – NYMNP Information sharing event
 - Members training seminar – 3/7/2019 – Shooting management/wildlife crime
 - Members evening seminar – visit planned for 22/8/2019 to Woodsmith Mine
- 3.2 Unfortunately, 1 additional event – A day out with NP Rangers was cancelled, due to time pressures/other work commitments of Members.

4. Member training/events during the first part of 2019/20

- 4.1 On 6 March 2019 members had an opportunity to get out and about in the Park to look at some of the planning developments they had approved. Visits included Glaisdale Shooting Hut, Rosedale Sculpture Trail, various sites in Dalby Forest and Yorkshire Cycle Hub. Members enjoyed an information sharing event at the Moors Centre in May with presentations from Elspeth Ingleby, Beth Ghest, Alex Cripps, David Bream, Ryan Chenery and Catriona McLees covering a wide range of topics. On 3 July, 17 members spent a day visiting two commercial Pheasant shooting operations; Mount St John Sporting at Hawnby and Robsons Spring at Sproxton followed by an overview of wildlife crime and raptor persecution in the Park by Stuart Grainger from North Yorkshire Police. Members commented that they found the day's events useful and informative.

5. **Programme for the remainder of 2019 and suggested topics for 2020 programme**

5.1 Below is a brief summary of the events scheduled to take place to the end of Dec 2019. In addition, Members have indicated they would benefit from a visit to the LDNPA similar to the Northumberland trip last year. Initial discussions have taken place with colleagues at the Lake District NPA, we are currently waiting for them to get back to us with some possible dates, it is expected that the visit will take place in April/May 2020.

Date/Event	Subject
Thursday 10 Oct 2019 – Members Evening Seminar	Big projects update – S106, Ryevitalise, River Esk, Land of Iron. Discussion on scrutiny of big projects.
Wednesday 23 Oct 2019 – Members Training Event	North of the Park – to look at the work of the NPA in this area including Forestry/Planning/H&S
Monday 16 Dec 2019 – Members Christmas Lunch, after NPA	To be arranged with NPA Chair - Jim Bailey

It has been previously agreed that small group training sessions for Members on Standards will take place. It is intended that these sessions will be scheduled around existing committee dates, either before the end of 2019 or early in 2020. The 3 sessions will be run by our Monitoring Officer with a mix of newer and more established members in each group. Lisa Dixon has been contacted and is expected to confirm session dates very soon.

An initial draft programme for 2020 can be seen at **Appendix 1**. Members' views are welcome on additional topics for the programme. Initial Officer/Member suggestions for future topics, include the following;

- **Accessibility**
- **Views of young people (weekend event in March 2020)**
- **Specific Health & Safety responsibilities for Chairs/Vice Chairs**
- **Volunteer super task days**

5.2 Our volunteers support the Authority in all aspects of our work, including practical conservation, survey and monitoring, access projects, quartermaster duties, leading events, gallery help and administration tasks. We also organise super tasks where staff and volunteers work together to complete larger tasks and which provide opportunities for increased communication between staff and volunteers. These tasks also offer an excellent opportunity for members to engage with volunteers and staff. Members will be provided with details of these as and when they become available so that they can participate if they wish.

5.3 FRASC members are reminded that after a brief discussion at FRASC on 7 September 2015, members decided that whilst each Member's annual development discussion was considered an important element of good governance, they would opt for that element of the process to take place **once every two years rather than yearly**, although members, particularly newer members, are encouraged to chat through issues/concerns, with fellow members as and when they arise.

The next round of development discussions therefore are scheduled to take place before Christmas 2020, with the feedback to Members taking place in the New Year, any concerns/issues to be raised with Senior Officers thereafter. Members will be reminded of this process and the discussion groups they are allocated to later in 2020.

6. Financial and Staffing Implications

6.1 There are financial implications in terms of the cost of travel and subsistence costs, but these fall within existing budgets.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 There are no legal implications.

8. Recommendation

8.1 That

- a. Members views on the proposed training programme are sought;
- b. Subject to any amendments by Members, the proposed training programme elements for 2020/21 be agreed.
- c. Members note the review of training in 2018/19.
- d. Members note that the next round of the Development Discussion meetings will take place towards the end of 2020

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Background papers to this Report

File ref

1. Members Training Record

Members Training/Events Programme 2020/21

Date	Training/Event	Lead Officer
March 2020	Views of Young People – weekend event March 2020	Debbie Trafford/Mary-Jane Alexander
April/May 2020 (inc overnight stay)	Members Training Event – Visit to the Lake District NP	Vanessa Burgess currently speaking to Officers at LDNPA regarding arrangements
May 2020	Members Evening Seminar	To be confirmed
June 2020	Health and Safety for Chairs/Vice Chairs	Ian Nicholls
July 2020	Members Training Day – Accessibility/Historic Environment	Debbie Trafford/Briony Fox
August 2020	Members Evening Seminar	To be confirmed
September 2020	Members National Induction Course	3 day event, dates/location to be confirmed
October 2020	Members Evening Seminar	To be confirmed
October 2020	Members Training Day	To be confirmed
December 2020	Members Christmas Lunch	Authority Chair/VB