

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

28 May 2019

### 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

The current Business Plan set an ambitious target of £1.5 million external funding raised in each of the four years of the MTFS.

- 3.1 **Table 1** below provides a summary of all external funded income secured or sought by the Authority for the financial years 18/19 and 19/20.

Category	Amount(£)
<b>2018/19</b>	
<b>Total Secured</b>	<b>£1.9m</b>
<b>2019/20</b>	
Secured	£1.72m
Unsecured - with application made	£110k
Unsecured - in development	£678k
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2.5m</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. These reflect the external funding priorities in the Business Plan. 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 (EA), 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.	£3.4m	Stage 2 has now been secured. Recruitment of the Programme Manager is underway with recruitment for the remaining 5 roles scheduled once this post is in place.
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.	~£780k	<i>Unsecured – In Development</i>  Full application scheduled for 22nd May 2019.  Further diligence on security of EU funds to be undertaken.

Project Title	Brief Description	Funder	Partners	Strategic Fit	Staffing Implications	Match Requirement	Total Income	Status
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	£170k	<i>Stage 1 Secure</i>  Stage 2 In Development : The project has passed in mid-development stage review and will submit in August 2019, with a decision expect in December 2019.
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.  This will be delivered through a combination of woodland management, habitat restoration and the repair of traditional boundaries.	National Grid – Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI)	National Trust Woodland Trust	<b>BP:</b> 10. Landscape and biodiversity improvement of Western Fringe.  6. Ancient woodland restoration.  <b>MP:</b> E1, E11, E12, E36, E37, E39	Project Management provision for contractor (reduces staff time demand).	£45k	£170k	<i>Secured</i>  Formally secured. Officers now finalising agreements with landowners.

Project Title	Brief Description	Funder	Partners	Strategic Fit	Staffing Implications	Match Requirement	Total Income	Status
	Is successful the project would run from Summer 18/19 for 3 years.							
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 Q1 19/20</p>
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	<p><b>MP:</b> C4,C5, E5, E8, E14-E18,E19, E36-E44 U13-U16, U8-U9</p> <p><b>BP:</b> 3. Rivers: Stage two of Ryevitalise; success of Pearl Mussel</p>	<p>Maximum 15% project management time supported by the fund.</p> <p>Re-prioritisation of some existing staff time onto Esk.</p>	None but some salary shortfall remains even if successful	£472k	<p><i>Secured</i></p> <p>Application successful. Recruitment for project posts to take place in June 2019.</p>

Project Title	Brief Description	Funder	Partners	Strategic Fit	Staffing Implications	Match Requirement	Total Income	Status
				work.				
Esk Valley Constructed Wetland Project	<p>Application to Asset Management Plan (AMP) to establish a wetland system at three YW treatment sites Esk catchment.</p> <p>The application is for a standalone 1 year baseline monitoring project (19/20)flowed by a 5 year capital and monitoring project covering the 5 years of the AMP programme (2020-25)</p>	Yorkshire Water AMP 7	EA Yorkshire Esk Rivers Trust	<p><b>MP:</b> C4,C5, E5, E8, E14-E18,E19, E36-E44 U13-U16, U8-U9</p> <p><b>BP:</b> 3. Rivers: Stage two of Ryevitalise; success of Pearl Mussel work.</p>	Officer time included in bid	None	<p>Stage 1 £28k</p> <p>Stage 2 TBC</p>	<p><i>Secured</i></p> <p>Stage 1 In delivery</p> <p>Stage 2 programmed for 20-25</p>
North York Moors Railway (NYMR) Apprenticeships	<p>NYMR will be recruiting three 2-year conservation apprentice positions in 19/20 and a further three in 21/22.</p> <p>The apprentices will be seconded to the Authority us for training, constituting 3 fully-funded posts within the existing Apprentice scheme. Additional payments will be made for supervisor time, transport, training and</p>	NHLF	NYMR	<p><b>MP:</b> U7, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16</p>	<p>None, new apprentice positions will be incorporated into existing scheme</p> <p>Proportion of supervisors costs to be paid</p>	None Projects adjacent to railway	£200k over a 4 year period	<p><i>Secure</i></p> <p>Recruitment to commence shortly for first 2 roles to start in September 19.</p>

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Funder</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Strategic Fit</b>	<b>Staffing Implications</b>	<b>Match Requirement</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>Status</b>
	equipment							



- 4.2 The Authority has now secured £3.4 million from a series of 15 bids, 14 out of 15 of which were successful, representing a 94% rate of success.
- 4.3 Although not identified as an external funding priority, an opportunity arose through DEFRA's Tests and Trials programme for the new Environmental Land Management System (ELMS) to contribute to our work on Future Farming, which is identified as a Business Plan priority. An application to deliver a set of test and trials was made in March 2019 with a potential contribution from DEFRA of £86,800. Currently funding issues at DEFRA are delaying grant decisions.
- 4.4 Work to support the Raincliffe Woods Community Enterprise (RWCE) funding bid to upgrade the Forge Valley boardwalk is continuing. The Authority and Scarborough Borough Council previously agreed to share the project development costs and any costs of any *ineligible* expenditure incurred by the project during the delivery phase. The Authority has subsequently amended this proposal in order to reduce any unnecessary financial exposure by placing a £10k cap on any project *overspend*. This money will be ring-fenced from departmental budgets.

## 5. Security of secured EU Funding

- 5.1 The Authority has been successful in securing £416k of funding from the Environment Agency's Water Environment Grant (WEG) programme to provide advice and capital funding to farmers and land managers in the Esk catchment. This is in addition to the £49k of combined funding for the Esk secured from other sources.
- 5.2 Funding comes from European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) that is part of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE); there is therefore the potential for this funding to be impacted by the outcome of the UK leaving the EU.
- 5.3 Officers have sought assurances from the EA that the funding will be secure irrespective of any eventual Brexit outcome. In response, the EA has confirmed in writing in respect of this grant that "*...the Government has guaranteed that all commitments made under EU funding programmes, including the 2014-2020 RDPE, up to the end of 2020 will be honoured if the conditions of the contract are met...*" This is in addition to HM Treasury advice published in July 2018 stating that UK organisations that secure funding through EU programmes, from now until the end of 2020, will be guaranteed by the UK government even in a no deal scenario.

## 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.

<h2>8. Recommendation</h2> <p>8.1 That Members approve the contents of the report and agree the current work being done to secure external funding.</p>
---



Contact Officer:  
Tom Stephenson  
External Funding Officer, Tel No. 01439 772700