

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

1 February 2021

### 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. External Funding Position

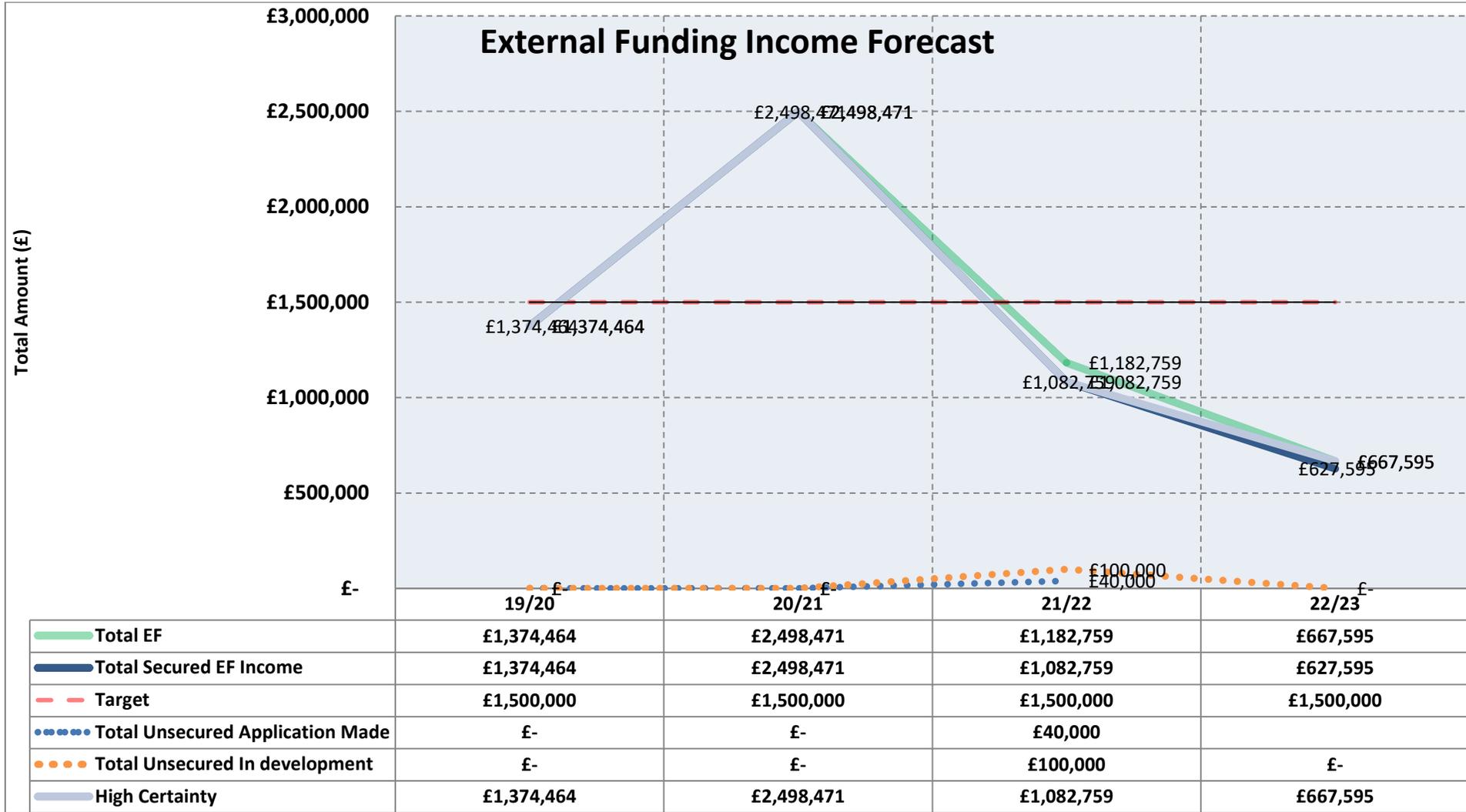
The table below provides a summary of all external funded income secured or sought by the Authority for the new financial year 20/21 only.

20/21	
Category	Amount(£)
Secured	£2.38m
Unsecured - with application made	-
Unsecured - in development	-
Secured in partnership with North York Moors National Park Trust	£96,716
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2.48m</b>

- 3.1 **Table 2** 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.
- 3.2 **Table 3** provides further detail of all current and forecast external funding income from the current financial year onwards. Totals are given for each stage of activity: *secured, high certainty, unsecured application-made and in development.*



**Table 3: External Funding Income Forecast (Detailed)**



4. **Current External Funding Activity**

4.1 **Table 4** 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 4:** 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
North York Moors National Park - Blue Corridors	The project will deliver habitat restoration, water quality improvement work and access improvements within the Rye and Esk. Delivery will take place from 2020 to 2023.	ERDF	Yorkshire Water, NYCC	<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.	Full time project officer included in bid. Officer time included	£1m total project cost: £501k ERDF £30k NYMNPA £210k s106 £130k Yorkshire Water AMP £115k NLHF £15k NYCC	£630k	<i>Secured</i>  Recruitment commenced in November 2020.
Ponds For the Future	The project will carry out restoration of historic farm dew ponds that have been lost or deteriorated over the last 100 years in the southern area of the Park. It will also target ponds in the Yorkshire Wolds via the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust as a deliver partner	Green Recovery Challenge Fund (DEFRA)	North York Moors National Park Trust, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	<b>MP:</b> E2,E11,E14, E44	The project will create 2 part-time roles (totalling 0.8FTE), 1 retained job (0.4FTE), and support the ongoing employment of another post.	£7k S106 £2k NYMNPT	£196k	<i>Unsuccessful</i>
North York Moors Woodland Restoration Team	The project will create a dedicated team of workers to undertake woodland conservation tasks that will deliver significant environmental benefits in ancient and other priority woodlands	Green Recovery Challenge Fund (DEFRA)	North York Moors National Park Trust	<b>MP:</b> B14, B15, B20, B21, B23, C2, E10, E11, E12, E18, E36, E37, E38, E40, E41	4 Full time post created (fixed-term contracts)	£7k S106 £2k NYMNPT	£163k	<i>Secured</i>  In Delivery

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	<p>within the National Park.</p> <p>It will aim to conserve and enhance 193 hectares of woodland, primarily on sites where past conservation work has not been actively maintained.</p>							

## 5. **Decarbonisation Funding**

- 5.1 A number of new funding opportunities are emerging concerning the decarbonisation of public sector buildings. Officers have begun work looking at the suitability of Authority buildings for the types of funding available and to produce up-to-date energy usage data.

## 6. **New Partnership Work**

- 6.1 National Parks Partnership Ltd (NPPL) has negotiated and structured a pro-bono partnership of in-kind value £150,000 per annum with the Palladium Group, an international social impact consultancy. Palladium has significant experience of developing and managing nature-based solutions projects in developing countries.
- 6.2 The Partnership will see Palladium undertake research, pilot projects and financial modelling to determine whether sustainable funding models, that leverage more private sector investment, can work for National Park-focussed nature restoration. A joint application to the Environment Agency's Investment Readiness Fund, on behalf of all NPAs, is likely to be part of the project in 2021.

## 7. **Kickstart Funding**

- 7.1 The Department for Work and Pensions new Kickstart Scheme provides funding to employers to create job placements for 16 to 24 year olds on Universal Credit.
- 7.2 The Authority applied for funding on behalf of the UK NPAs and have subsequently had a grant of just over £500k confirmed for up to 66 Kickstart placements. This will be shared between the 13 NPAs involved in the programme. The Authority will administer the funding on behalf of the participating NPAs.

## 8. **Contribution to National Park Management Plan**

- 8.1 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.

## 9. **Legal Implications**

- 9.1 None at this stage.

## 10. **Recommendation**

- 10.1 That Members approve the contents of the report and agree the current work being done to secure external funding.

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