

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

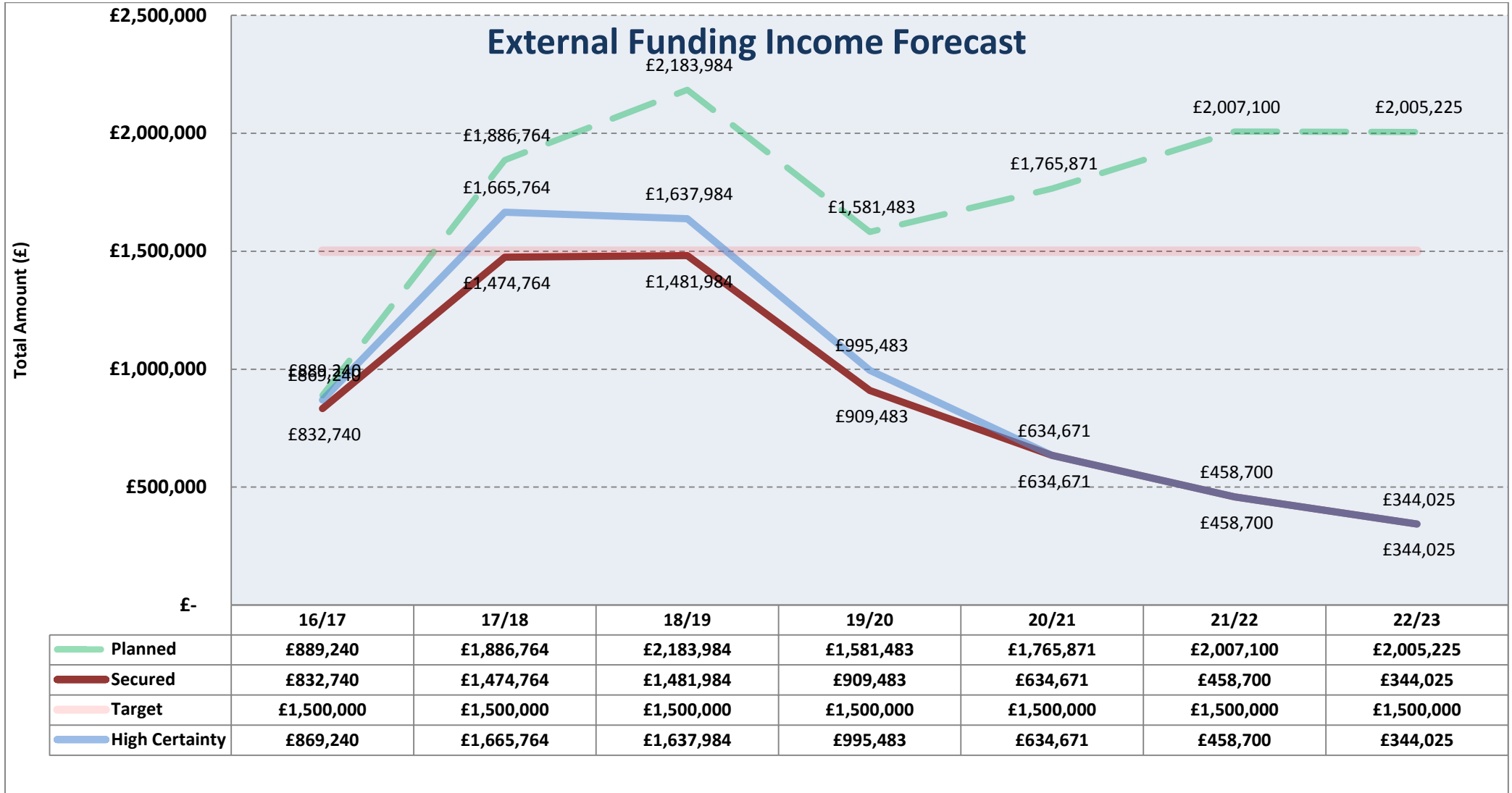
- 2.1 This report provides an overview of the Authority's external funding position within the current financial year and an update on projects which require external funding and continues the previous reports to this Committee which have kept Members abreast of our activity in this important area of work.

3. Current External Funding Position

- 3.1 **Table 1** below provides a summary of all external funding secured or sought by the Authority contributing to the 2016/17 financial year total. The latest sums reflect the re-profiling of the This Exploited Land of Iron programme cash flow.

Category	Amount(£)
Secured	£832k
Unsecured with application made	£37k
Unsecured - in development	£20k
Total	£889k

3.2 **Table 2** below provides a forecast of all external funding income over the new Business Plan period and beyond. Current forecasting suggests the Authority is on target to exceed the £1.5million external funding target for 2017/18 and 2018/19.



4. **Current External Funding Activity**

- 4.1 **Table 2** below sets out 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 2: 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
Only two Turtle Doves?	Project to maintain and if possible increase the population size of turtle doves in the National Park and engage communities and land managers in the species' conservation.	HLF – Our Heritage	RSPB, Forestry Commission, North and East Yorkshire Ecological Data Centre (NEYEDC)	16/17 BP: Individual Rare Species MP: E11, E12, E14 E16, E17	0.4 FTE (project-funded) post for project duration (3 years) or delivered via specialist contractor	Not a prerequisite for funder although an in-kind contribution is expected and a cash match contribution of £20k from the Authority is proposed.	c.£100k	<i>Unsecured –in development</i> Application being finalised for submission end of January.
Moor to Sea: new activities and niches on the North York Moors Coast	Project focused on key growth areas identified during 'Sea Life, See Life'. It will focus on stronger connections between the moors and the coast, developing the tourist 'offer' and providing small businesses in the area with support and promotional expertise to access new markets.	Coastal Communities Fund	North York Moors Rural Coastal Communities Team	16/17 BP: Coastal and Marine MP: B1 –B4, B20-21, C12-C13, U8, U2, U4, U10, U12, U14	1.8 FTE (project-funded)	~£54k cash ~£20k in-kind	£275,140 (from CCF)	<i>Unsecured with application made (2nd Stage)</i> Application has been submitted outcome will be known in Q4 2016/2017.
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	MP: C4,C5, E5, E8, E14-E18,E19, E36-E44 U13-U16, U8-U9 16/17 BP: Rivers	Development phase: 2 FTE Delivery Phase: 3 FTE and 2 x 0.4 FTE. All post would be project-funded.	£870k (£180k NYMNPA)	£3.2m	<i>Secured</i> Permission To Start has been granted by HLF and interviews for the Programme

			Wildlife Trust, East Yorkshire Rivers Trust					Manager and Catchment Restoration Officer positions will take place in early February.
Destination Partnerships Moors and Dales	Project to fund the formation and support of two Destination Partnerships for the Moors (North York Moors and Howardian Hills) and Dales (Yorkshire Dales and Nidderdale) attract brands.	EAFRD Tourism Cooperation Call for the YNYER LEP area	YDNPA HHANOB NAONB	MP: U4, U10- U12	0.6 FTE for 2 years	Use of existing grants budgets and private match	£166k	<i>Secured</i> The application has been successful for immediate commencemen t and will operate for 2 years. Recruitment for the project role will be begin shortly.
LEI Bridleway Improvement	Project to fund the resurfacing of a section of bridleway between Over Silton and Thimbleby on the western fringe of the park.	National Grid Landscape Enhanceme nt Fund (LEI)	None	MP: U8,U9, C13	Contractor delivered groundwork	£9k	£32k	<i>Unsecured with application made</i> The project has been approved by the LEI board and is now awaiting final approval from the National Grid. Official notification is expected in early Q4.

5. 2017-2020 Business Plans External Funding Priorities

5.1 The 2017-2020 Business Plan has prioritised the following areas of work for external funding:

1	Sutton Bank re-development
2	Apprenticeships via the Levy
3	Rivers: Stage two of Ryevitalise; success of Pearl Mussel work
4	Marine and Coastal issues, especially conservation in the marine element and preferably linking to food, sustainable catches and fishing traditions
5	Mental health of young people, preferably with other National Parks
6	Ancient Woodland Restoration
7	Prehistoric settlements
8	Heritage of the Alum industry
9	Renewable energy for NPA buildings: including: Sutton Bank, HQ and others
10	Landscape and biodiversity improvement of Western Fringe
11	Dark Bordered Beauty (moth); Daffodils
12	Recreational connections along Eastern Fringe.
13	Local food development or/and promotion (especially related to fish and 'The Capital of Cake')
14	Capital contribution to North York Moors Railway Trust Bridges
15	Renewing the Buildings and Monuments at Risk programme

5.2 Some early development has begun on areas of work specially the Sutton Bank re-development strategy presented to Members at the December NPA. Further to this, work has begun to develop landscape and biodiversity improvement of Western Fringe.

5.3 A number of landscape and environmental consultancies has been invited to quote for a contract to develop a strategy for the western area of the Park that is affected by the National Grid high voltage powerlines.

5.4 The strategy developed as part of this work will hopefully provide a compelling vision for the affected landscape consisting of a number of potential projects that will provide the basis for subsequent funding applications to the National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative.

5.5 The brief will also include the area of the Howardian Hills AONB affected by the same transmission lines to maximise the landscape benefits across the contiguous area.

6. North York Moors National Park Trust

6.1 The Trust has requested the Authority's External Funding Officer to provide advice and assist with some early development tasks that the Trust Directors have prioritised. The principal tasks will be developing the Trust's legacy donation programme and the Year 1 Business Plan. The External Funding Officer will be funded for 1 day per week until May.

7. Contribution to National Park Management Plan

7.1 The rationale behind seeking external funding and new income generation is to secure the delivery of the Business Plan and the Management Plan.

8. **Legal Implications**

8.1 None at this stage.

9. **Recommendation**

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

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