

## North York Moors National Park Authority Scrutiny Meeting

Public Minutes of the meeting held at The Old Vicarage, Helmsley on 16 December 2013.

### **Present:**

Jim Bailey, Malcolm Bowes, Andy Breckon (Independent Person), Alison Fisher, Janet Frank, Bryn Griffiths, Christopher Massey, Jane Mitchell, John Ritchie, Ted Sanderson, Andrew Scott, Hawson Simpson, Bill Suthers, Helen Swiers, Richard Thompson, Jeremy Walker.

### **Apologies:**

David Chance, David Hugill, David Jeffels, Sarah Oswald, Caroline Patmore, Herbert Tindall, Philip Wheeler.

### **Officers in attendance:**

Andy Wilson (Chief Executive), Chris France (Director of Planning), David Renwick (Director of Conservation), Richard Gunton (Director of Park Services), Ian Nicholls (Assistant Director of Corporate Services, Sarah Housden (Policy Officer), Richard Smith ( Authority's Solicitor), Vanessa Burgess (Committees Officer)

**J Walker, H Simpson and B Suthers left the meeting at 2pm. Helen Swiers and A Scott left the meeting at 3pm.**

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### **Copies of All Documents Considered Are In The Minute Book**

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#### **01/13 Inaugural Meeting: Purpose and Content**

The Authority's Chief Executive welcomed Members to the Scrutiny meeting.

#### **02/13 Members Interests**

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal and prejudicial interests relating to any agenda item prior to its consideration.

#### **03/13 Scrutiny Paper**

##### **Review of 2012/13 and Implementation and Monitoring of National Park Management Plan and Business Plan**

- Look back at 2012/13, year of our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Scrutiny of Business Plan
- Scrutiny of progress of Management Plan
- Establishment of National Park Management Plan Review Group

Considered:

The report of the Policy Manager.

The Policy Officer introduced the session, then, in turn, each Director of Service presented Members with an overview of the achievements, difficulties and partner

delivery elements from each of their respective service areas – Environment, Understanding and Enjoyment, Communities, Business and Land Management and Corporate Services.

Members made the following general and service specific comments:

- Grouse parasites, levels for NYMNP compared to other National Parks
- Good partnership working, good project diversity
- Leader project – funding gap between old scheme and new scheme
- How can Members best support the Scrutiny process
- Important to encourage greater use of volunteers
- Quality tourism work has been undertaken – how will this be maintained with impending additional financial constraints, how will the Authority take this work forward
- Concerns regarding numbers of additional houses to be built in Helmsley

Officers made the following responses:

- Grouse parasite levels lower for NYMNP than the Pennines, the Authority to keep a check on levels
- 36K from DEFRA to fill gap between LEADER projects

The Chief Executive informed Members that he considered the Scrutiny of the Management Plan to be a valuable exercise. The Policy Officer suggested that the Authority should build on current partnership arrangements by setting up a group, the National Park Management Plan Review Group, drawing members from key partners to review the Management Plan. The group would meet twice a year. Members agreed that Jeremy Walker would be the Authority's Member on that group with Malcolm Bowes acting as Substitute.

**Resolved:** Members noted the review together with the progress made in delivery and the contribution made to the National Park Management Plan.