

PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

URGENT BUSINESS ITEMS SUB-COMMITTEE

17 AUGUST 2001

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PARK OFFICER

PART A

1. BUDGET 2001-02: FURTHER EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS (A.1321/JNT)

Reasons for Urgency

A funding commitment is needed for the 3 items listed below in advance of the next Resources Committee on 2 November.

Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To request release of funding for 3 items in 2001-02.

Background

- 1.2 A review of the 2001-02 budget was reported to the Resources Committee on 20 July 2001. That Committee approved expenditure amounting to £34,366 on 10 Category A* items. It also agreed proposed expenditure amounting to £31,000 on 7 Category A items in a phased manner with any other new priorities, subject to a report back to Resources Committee on 2 November 2001.

Proposal

- 1.3 The items in Category A reported in July are:

Derbyshire & Peak Park Sport & Recreation Forum	£5,000
Peak District 2002	£10,000
Warslow Moors Villa Farm Corn Barn	£6,500
Roystone Grange Publication Report	£3,000
Sites and Monuments Record	£3,000
Gardoms Edge Archaeology	£1,000
Leadmine Surveys	£2,500

Total £31,000

- 1.4 Following the Resources Committee decision, Management Team has been advised that the first 3 of the Category A items need to be considered for funding prior to the November Resources Committee.
- 1.5 The justification sheets previously submitted to Resources Committee for these 3 items are attached. It should be noted that the likely cost of the Corn Barn is much reduced. The explanation for this and the reason for urgency in each case is briefly as follows:

(a) Peak District 2002

The Media Officer is needing a commitment to this project, which plays a major role in promoting understanding of National Park issues and the work of the authority with partners, by the end of August. This is to enable the contractor to pursue action on selling advertising space and for us to prepare articles involving other interests.

(b) Warslow Moors Villa Farm Corn Barn

The roof of the corn store above the milking parlour/dairy of this tenanted property is leaking badly. The tenant's winter cattle feed will deteriorate if the roof is not replaced before winter. This is our responsibility as landlord but the work is eligible for an 80% grant under the Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) agreement. Whilst scaffolding is erected the opportunity should be taken to point the stonework and replace the rainwater goods. A tender price of £3,577 before grant is a considerable saving on the original estimate. That, together with the anticipated approval of the ESA grant, reduces the amount of Authority funding required to just £715.

It should be noted that the report to Resources Committee also included, in the Category B list, repairs to a Cattle Barn at Villa Farm. A tender price of £3,186 has now been obtained and in view of the anticipated ESA grant the Authority funding required for this work is just £637. The Head of Conservation advises that it would be wise whilst the contractor is on site to repair both barns at the same time even though the Cattle Barn repairs are not as urgent.

(c) Derbyshire and Peak Park Sport and Recreation Forum

Following a Forum meeting attended by the Chair of Park Management Committee and Head of Recreation on 19 July, an invoice is expected soon to all 11 local authority partners for contributions in 2001/02 to support existing Forum staff in post and project work.

1.6 The total cost of items (a), (b) and (c) is £16,352.

Financial Implications

1.7 The report to Resources Committee in July indicated that there was £71,000 available to re-allocate this year after allowing for a contribution to raise the General Reserve back up to £120,000, matched funding for projects underway, slippage requests and specific reserve requests. The approval of £34,366 for Category A* items reduce the £71,000 to £36,634. Agreement to the proposed expenditure of £16,352 on 3 items in this report would reduce this to £20,282.

1.8 Recommendations regarding the remaining Category A items of £9,500 and any new priorities will be reported to Resources Committee in November.

Human Rights

1.9 None apparent.

Consultations

1.10 The Head of Recreation prepared this report, and advice from the Head of Conservation has been included. The Assistant National Park Officers, Media Officer, Estates Officer and Financial Service Manager have been consulted. The Chief Finance Officer expresses reservations about the further calls on the unallocated corporate funds at this early stage in the financial year.

1.11 **RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve the proposed expenditure on the 3 items listed in paragraph 5 of this report amounting to a total of £16,352.

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

Nil

**To: ANPO John Thompson (Copy to Philip Naylor)
BID FOR 2001/02 POOLED FUNDING**Proposal/ Project Name **Peak District 2002**Amount of Funding Requested - £16,000 (reduced to £10,000 by Resource Management Team)
Was this previously in your 2001/02 baseline budget which was cut? YesAny leverage to be achieved in attracting other funds.? Please state what and how much.Start date for needing money. December 2001
(to be spent in full by 31.3.2002)Brief Description of Proposal (100 words maximum)

The Authority's annual newspaper for visitors and residents is produced as part of a 'contra deal' with the Derbyshire Times. Total production costs are in the region of £70,000 (for 170,000 copies). These are covered by advertising revenue but increased pagination and improved quality means that we now subsidise the production to the tune of £7,000. We also pay for distribution costs, both to local outlets (throughout the season) and to every address within the Park.

The total cost for these activities is £21,000 against which we will generate advertising revenue of £5,000 from accommodation providers, resulting in a request for funding of £16,000. (The reduction to £10,000 by Resource Management Team will need options on the size of the newspaper, number of adverts and distribution to be assessed).

The paper is the most important popular source of information about the Authority and its work. It is a high profile project and its failure to appear is likely to place the Authority in an adverse light, especially with tourism providers who use it as a major source of information.

<u>National Park Management Plan</u>	Reference(s)	6.3; 6.6; 6.7; 6.8; 6.9; 6.10; 6.11; 6.12; 6.13; 6.14; 6.15; 6.16; 6.17; 6.18; 6.20; 6.21; 6.22; 6.23; and 6.24
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<u>Best Value Performance Plan</u>	Reference(s)	Promoting Understanding D 2 2.1 4 4.1; 4.2 Detailed objects 1 1.1; 1.2
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<u>Contributes to which Best Vale Plan Performance Indicators</u>	PU2 ND2(a); PU2 ND2(b); PU2 ND5(b); PU3; ND4; PULP 19; LD9; LD10; ND3; LD6; LD11; LD12;
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Relationship to Main Themes in 2001/2 (Please tick where appropriate).

- biodiversity and support for sustainable land management
- management of the cultural heritage
- extending access
- developing sustainable tourism
- include everyone from the cities, towns & countryside
- working with local communities
- continue our transport strategy
- control of unsustainable development including mineral extraction
- act upon the state of the park report
- update information and communication systems

Bid completed by Jeff Winston

Date: 8.6.01 (revised 3.7.01)

A (1 bid)
B (1 bid)

To: ANPO JLL (Copy to Philip Naylor)

BID FOR 2001/02 POOLED FUNDING

Proposal/ Project Name **Warslow Moors Estate - Villa Farm Barns**

Amount of Funding Requested **Corn Barn £715. Cattle Barn £637**

Was this previously in your 2001/02 baseline budget which was cut? **Yes**

Any leverage to be achieved in attracting other funds.? Please state what and how much. **80% grant from S West peak ESA Scheme - Conservation Plan submitted and awaiting DEFRA approval.**

Start date for needing money. **31 July 2001**

(to be spent in full by 31.3.2002)

Brief Description of Proposal (100 words maximum)

There are 2 traditional stone barns at Villa Farm which require restoration:

A Corn barn - small traditional stone and Staffordshire blue tile construction. Roof leaks - wetting and spoiling corn stored which is used to feed dairy cows whilst being bulked in the parlour. Roof needs to be taken off and replaced with existing Staffordshire blue tile. New valley gutter and rain water goods. Repointing all walls. Estimated net cost to Authority £715.

B Cattle barn - traditional barn as above. Requires repointing and rainwater goods, replacement of doors and windows. Estimated net cost to Authority £637.

All traditional materials will be used including cast iron rain water goods.

National Park Management Plan Reference(s) **Objective 1,2**

Best Value Performance Plan Reference(s) **2 A (1.1) 2B (no specific reference)**

Contributes to which Best Vale Plan Performance Indicators **LF15**

Relationship to Main Themes in 2001/2 (Please tick where appropriate).

- biodiversity and support for sustainable land management
- **management of the cultural heritage** ✓
- extending access
- developing sustainable tourism
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Bid completed Suzanne L Fletcher

Date 13 June 2001

To: ANPO RECREATION (Copy to Philip Naylor)

BID FOR 2001/02 POOLED FUNDING

Proposal/ Project Name Derbyshire & Peak Park Sport and Recreation Forum

Amount of Funding Requested - £5,000

Was this previously in your 2001/02 baseline budget which was cut? Yes

Any leverage to be achieved in attracting other funds.? Please state what and how much.

Contribution to project Joint Funding with all Derbyshire authorities Est. Total £180,000 in 2001/2

Start date for needing money. ASAP
(to be spent in full by 31.3.2002)

Brief Description of Proposal (100 words maximum)

Part of a Joint Strategy and Action Plan. Balance of agreed contribution to funding of Partnership Project with Member involvement - (Agreed by Park Management Committee 8 January 1999). For 2001/2 Financial Year - £5,000. Support includes staff and programmes of the Forum, including facility and resource surveys, Outdoor Recreation Development Officer, Equity Officer and Outdoor Youth Adventure Games.

National Park Management Plan Reference(s) OBJ. 1 6.4, OBJ. 2 6.12

Best Value Performance Plan Reference(s) 2 C 2, 3, 4.

Contributes to which Best Vale Plan Performance Indicators _____

Relationship to Main Themes in 2001/2 (Please tick where appropriate).

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Bid completed by Peter Davey Date 18 June 2001

2. **NORTHERN NATIONAL PARKS SEMINAR (A.110/CJH)**

2.1 Purpose of Report

This report seeks to confirm overall attendance numbers and seeks to suggest topics for the event to be run by the Lake District National Park on 30 April to 1 May 2002.

2.2 Background

The Peak has been welcomed to join the Northern National Parks Seminar in the last 3 years, though the date in 2001 was fixed on the date of the Peak's AGM, so we did not participate.

Proposal

2.3 It is proposed that the Peak takes up the 10 places offered. The Chair and Deputy, relevant Chairs and Vice Chairs from some of the 4 main Committees, plus 2 of National Park Officer and /or relevant Assistant National Park Officer depending on the topic, ie, 15 people reserved for 10 places.

2.4 Secondly, they ask for possible topics. I suggest Social Inclusion and Accessibility or Implementing the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Affordable Housing in National Parks or influencing the Regional Agenda.

Financial Consideration

2.5 There is a cost in attendance at these Seminars, not previously met before 1998. The accommodation tends to be up market. Attendance - with travel could cost over £1,500. Should we now agree to reduce our attendance to 8? However there is a great value in thorough discussion of corporate topics.

Human Rights (including Equal Opportunities)

2.6 We need to justify to the total membership why attendance should be limited to leading Members.

Consultation Responses

2.7 Assistant National Park Officers have been consulted on the report and suggested several of the topics.

Conclusion/Advice

2.8 It is suggested that decisions in principle should be taken, but the detail reported to Resources Committee for confirmation in November or February.

2.9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **That 10 places be reserved.**
2. **That a topic or topics be suggested and referred to Paul Tiplady, Lake District National Park Officer.**

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

Paul Tiplady's e-mail of 27 July 2001 (attached).

