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## MINUTES

Meeting:	<b>National Park Authority</b>
Date:	Friday 18 March 2022 at 10.00 am
Venue:	Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell, DE45 1AE
Chair:	Cllr A McCloy
Present:	Mr J W Berresford, Cllr P Brady, Cllr D Chapman, Cllr C Farrell, Cllr C Furness, Cllr A Gregory, Prof J Haddock-Fraser, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr D Murphy, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr V Priestley, Mr K Smith, Cllr P Tapping and Ms Y Witter
Apologies for absence:	Cllr W Armitage, Cllr C Greaves, Mr Z Hamid, Ms A Harling, Cllr A Hart, Cllr I Huddleston, Cllr K Richardson, Cllr S Saeed, Miss L Slack, Cllr D Taylor, Cllr J Wharmby and Cllr B Woods.

### **15/22 ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **16/22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 7 JANUARY AND 4 FEBRUARY 2022**

The minutes of the meetings of the Authority held on 7<sup>th</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were approved as correct records.

### **17/22 URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

### **18/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present to make representations to the Committee.

### **19/22 AUTHORITY CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair of the Authority advised that recruitment for a new Chief Executive was underway.

He also paid tribute to Tony Hams, a well-respected former Chair of the Authority, who had recently passed away, and who would be sadly missed. Members who had served with him particularly remembered how supportive he had been to them.

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## **20/22 INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Members noted the Interim Chief Executive's report that included updates to Members on key items since the previous Authority meeting.

Members requested an update on the return of Authority staff to the office following the COVID19 restrictions, particularly in respect of the training and development of younger colleagues.

The interim Chief Executive confirmed that all staff, including younger colleagues had been supported throughout the pandemic and that this would continue, in particular via Learning and Development Plans.

### **RESOLVED:**

**To note the report.**

## **21/22 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE LANDSCAPES REVIEW: CONSULTATION RESPONSE (AGM)**

The report, which sought Member approval to submit a response to the consultation on the Government response to the Landscape review, was introduced by the Chair of the Authority.

Members raised the following queries and additions:

- The Authority as the first National Park, should be taking the lead.
- The importance and difficulty, of coordinating Local Nature Recovery Strategies.
- Concerns that the report may already be out of date and may be low priority for the government due to other urgent current events.
- The effect of global events on the report's planned emphasis on food production and the balance to be struck with climate change mitigation measures and landscape management.
- A need to emphasize that funding will be required to act on the recommendations of the report.
- A need to emphasize the impact of visitor numbers and the effect of high levels of visitors on local communities.
- The difficulties in making the health agenda a purpose of national parks when it would be better expressed as a duty or power.
- That the Authority's powers and resources with regards to the misuse of Rights of Way should be clarified.
- That clarification would be needed of the functions of a state appointed Chair.
- Further detail was needed on the plans to address underperforming Members
- Clarification of the functions of the suggested new strategic body.
- The effect that reducing the size of the Authority membership would have on local representation.

The Chair requested that the Members send any further comments to him by email.

A motion to approve the recommendations was proposed and seconded, put to the vote and carried.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To support the consultation response shown in Appendix 1 of the report.**
- 2. That any changes needed to the consultation document as a result of the Authority meeting are delegated to the Interim Chief Executive in consultation with Chair of the Authority.**

*The meeting adjourned for a short break at 10.55am and reconvened at 11.05am.*

**22/22 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY (JW)**

The report, which fulfilled the necessary statutory requirements governing treasury management functions, was introduced by the Head of Finance.

Members requested confirmation of the interest rate that was charged for internal borrowing and the Head of Finance confirmed that it was the Public Works Loan Board rate.

A motion to approve the recommendations as set out in the report was proposed and seconded, and a vote was taken and carried.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To approve the Treasury Management Policy Statement in Appendix 1 of the report.**
- 2. To approve the Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy in Appendix 2 of the report, with specific approval of the Prudential Indicators and borrowing limits (paragraphs 6 to 13), and the policy on Minimum Revenue Provision (paragraphs 14 and 15), and adoption of the Investment Strategy of North Yorkshire County Council (Appendix 3 of the report – NYCC Appendix C, Schedules 1 to 6).**

**23/22 UPDATE TO THE CORPORATE PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020-2024 AND ACTION PLAN (ES)**

The report, which summarised amendments made to the Authority's approved Corporate Property Asset Management Plan, was introduced by the Head of Asset Management.

A motion to approve the recommendations was proposed and seconded and a vote was taken and carried.

**RESOLVED:**

**To approve the amendments to the Asset Management Plan 2020-2024.**

## **24/22 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON CORPORATE ASSETS (ES)**

The report, which sought approval for capital expenditure on a number of the Authority's property assets in 2022/23, was introduced by the Head of Asset Management who tabled a replacement Appendix 1 which provided a detailed breakdown of the £600,000 work identified in the 2017 condition surveys to achieve required, satisfactory standard however the total capital expenditure remained at £807,620

Members enquired whether the increasing cost of materials and potential issues with the availability of contractors, had been taken into account. Officers advised that the programme of works would be prioritised and worked through. Those areas where there was a risk of the Authority not complying with statutory obligations would be dealt with first. A programme of property disposals was also taking place. The Interim Chief Executive advised that enquiries were being made with the government as to whether the inalienability of the gift of the Warslow Moors estate could be addressed.

Members noted the expenditure on alterations to Brunts Barn and queried whether there would be a more cost effective option than continuing the Authority's activities there. Officers advised that this is in the remit of the Engagement service and was actively being considered.

A motion to approve the recommendations was proposed.

It was noted that the section of the report relating to Field Head campsite had been written before the campsite was re-let recently.

The motion was seconded and a vote was taken and carried.

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. To allocate £807,620 from the Authority's capital fund to meet the needs of its asset portfolio, as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report.**
- 2. To delegate authority to award contracts associated with the proposed capital expenditure to the Corporate Property Team Manager, in consultation with the Head of Finance and Head of Asset Management.**

## **25/22 MEMBER APPOINTMENT - VACANCY ON PLANNING COMMITTEE (RC)**

Members thanked Cllr Priestley for her offer to join Planning committee which had avoided the Committee having to carry the vacancy until the Authority AGM.

A motion to approve the recommendation was proposed and seconded, put to the vote and carried.

### **RESOLVED:**

**To appoint Cllr V Priestley to the current vacancy on the Planning Committee until the annual Authority meeting in July 2022.**

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**26/22 MINUTES OF THE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW MEMBER STEERING GROUP OF 24TH JANUARY 2022**

Members resolved to note the minutes of the Steering Group.

**27/22 EXEMPT INFORMATION S100(A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 14 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, paragraph 3 'information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).**

**SUMMARY**

The following item was considered in the exempt part of the meeting:

28/16 Update to Corporate Property Asset Management Action Plan (ES)

The meeting ended at 11.45 am.