

APPENDIX 3 - CHAMPIONING NATIONAL PARKS FOR EVERYONE

Background

1. The Peak District National Park Authority has worked in partnership with Peak District Mosaic for a number of years to support diverse communities to visit and enjoy the Peak District National Park (PDNP). We have collaborated on a number of projects, including the delivery of Peak Wise Community Champion training in 2017 and 2021.
2. Peak District Mosaic have successfully applied as lead partner for funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) for the Championing National Parks for Everyone project. The project develops our work to support diverse communities to visit and enjoy the National Park, builds capacity in our organisations and expands the geographical range of Peak District Mosaic's work to two other National Parks.
3. The lead partner with NLHF for the Championing National Parks for Everyone project is Peak District Mosaic. The delivery partnership consists of Yorkshire Dales National Park, Peak District National Park, North York Moors National Park and Derbyshire Dales CVS. There is a partnership agreement in place and regular steering group meetings.
4. The current timescale and associated budgets for the project are as follows;
 - **November 2021:** Original project application submitted
 - **May 2022:** Project funding approved by NLHF
 - **September 2022 – July 2023:** Development phase of project. Total cash costs of £73,912 (PDNPA allocation £35,262)
 - **August – December 2023:** Assessment of application by NLHF
 - **April 2024 – March 2026 (estimated):** Delivery phase of project, subject to NLHF approval. Total cash costs of £526,825 (PDNPA allocation £102,143). This budget will be updated during the development phase.

Development phase (current work)

5. The principle aims of the current development phase are;
 - **Develop the project partnership's original plans in more detail**, in particular ensuring that these take on board the views of a wide range of stakeholders
 - **Running a series of networking and taster events** to hold conversations about the project and trial specific activities
 - **Building capacity in Peak District Mosaic**, including trustee recruitment; policies and systems development; preparing the charity to employ staff for the first time; and design / launch of a website.
 - **Developing delivery resources**, including an evaluation framework with the University of Derby and updating Community Champion training materials.

Delivery phase (proposed work)

6. We currently plan that the following will take place in PDNP during the delivery phase;
 - Employment of a full-time Project Officer to deliver a range of activities
 - Employment of an apprentice to support delivery of activities
 - Outreach activities and activities in PDNP to build peoples' confidence to visit
 - Training for 24 new Community Champions to deliver safe and enjoyable visits in PDNP for others, plus ongoing mentoring and bursaries for travel and equipment
 - Development of further volunteering opportunities
 - Project evaluation, further networking and best practice sharing events