
MINUTES

Meeting: **National Park Authority**

Date: Friday 17 March 2023 at 10.00 am

Venue: Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell

Chair: Cllr A McCloy

Present: Mr J W Berresford, Cllr W Armitage, Cllr P Brady, Cllr D Chapman, Cllr C Farrell, Cllr C Furness, Cllr C Greaves, Cllr A Gregory, Prof J Haddock-Fraser, Mr Z Hamid, Ms A Harling, Cllr A Hart, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr D Murphy, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr V Priestley, Cllr K Richardson, Miss L Slack, Mr K Smith, Cllr P Tapping, Cllr J Wharmby and Ms Y Witter

Apologies for absence: Cllr M Chaplin, Cllr I Huddleston and Cllr B Woods.

17/23 ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 3 FEBRUARY 2023

The minutes of the last meeting of the Authority held on 3rd February 2023 were approved as a correct record.

19/23 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

20/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present to make representations to the Authority Meeting.

21/23 CHAIR'S BRIEFING

The Chair of the Authority provided a verbal update to Members.

He advised that he had attended the All Party Parliamentary Group meeting in his capacity as Chair of National Parks England. The meeting was also attended by several MPs and members of the House of Lords, and by Trudy Harrison, the National Park Minister who indicated that the government will be setting out its actions arising from the landscape review. It was also confirmed that amendments to the Levelling Up Bill

should give strengthened powers to National Park Authorities via Management Plans and statutory purposes.

22/23 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT (PM)

The Chief Executive report gave updates to Members on the following:

- Meetings with stakeholders, partners and other organisations
- Confirmation that the majority of the CEO's calendar has been cleared to enable him to focus on the Organisational Change Process.
- The National Parks England Bulletin.

23/23 CAPITAL STRATEGY 2023/24 - 2027/28 (JW)

The report, which updated the Capital Strategy approved by the Authority in 2015, was presented by the Head of Finance.

In response to questions from Members, Officers advised the following:

- Data had not been received regarding planned cycle hire investment.
- Environmental considerations such as sustainability were an important factor which was considered in the management of the Authority's assets, for example, IT equipment was sent to be refurbished and reused. Officers intend to develop thinking around making properties for disposal more sustainable.
- All of the money from disposals on the Warslow Estate would be invested back into the estate. The planned disposals represented less than 10% of the total value of the estate.
- An amendment should be made to principle 2 of the Capital Strategy Key Principles, to include mention of the National Park Management Plan.
- Investment in the Capital Strategy was targeted towards assets which are owned by the Authority.
- The Capital Strategy excludes the work which was being done on the trails. Future trails works would likely be funded from revenue in most years.
- Ash Die Back remediation works were not included as capital work at present.

A motion to approve the report, subject to an amendment to recommendation 2 stating "with the detailed wording being delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of the Authority" was proposed and seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED

- 1. To approve the Capital Budget for 2023/24 at Appendix 1 of the report.**
- 2. To approve the four key principles of the Capital Strategy at Appendix 2 of the report, with the detailed wording being delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of the Authority.**

3. To note the overall Capital Programme at Appendix 3 of the report, and that projects will be subject to individual authorisations as per financial regulations.
4. To note that future capital strategy reports will be combined with the Treasury Management report and reviewed annually

24/23 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY (JW)

The report which asked Members to approve an over-arching Treasury Management Policy Statement and an Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy, was introduced by the Head of Finance.

The recommendations set out in the report were moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED

1. That the Authority approves the Treasury Management Policy Statement in Appendix 1 of the report.
2. That the Authority approves 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 adopts the Investment Strategy of North Yorkshire Council (Appendix 3 – NYC Section 4 Annual Investment Strategy and associated Appendices at Section 5).

25/23 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

The report regarding the Deputy Chair of the Authority's attendance at the East Midlands Council General meeting was noted by Members.

RESOLVED

To note the report.

26/23 EXEMPT INFORMATION S100(A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 11 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)

27/23 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2023

The exempt minutes of the Authority meeting on the 3rd February 2023 were agreed as a correct record.