

Date: 31 July 2007

Report AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION ON PARTNERSHIP BODIES

Purpose of report

1. To seek members' instructions on the Authority's representation on partnership bodies.

Strategic Planning Framework

2. The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic planning framework:

- **National Park Management Plan**

Partnerships underpin and underlay the aims and objectives of the Yorkshire Dales Management Plan and forms one of the Management Plans common themes. In particular the principles – '.....we need a wide audience supporting and delivering national Park objectives. This Plan tries to set out a framework within which many different organisations will work together to support the ongoing stewardship of the National Park.'

Background

3. In recent years the Authority, primarily through its Audit and Review Committee, has reviewed its involvement in a range of partnerships.
4. The Authority has tried to ensure that it is only involved with partnerships that contribute to and best achieve national park purposes and also relate to the Authority's agreed priorities.
5. In addition, the Authority agreed that better information was required by members, regarding partnerships. This was particularly important for the 'member only' partnerships and it was agreed that members who represent the Authority on a partnership should report back to the Authority, its committees or through the Members' Information Bulletin.
6. A number of suggested changes, by officers, have been made. These are highlighted on the Annex in bold and concern those areas of work that could best be represented by member champions.

Conclusions

7. Attached as an **Annex** is a table that shows the list of those partnerships to which the Authority made appointments last year, the number of meetings of that partnership, the

number of those meetings attended by the Authority's representative(s) and the feedback received.

RECOMMENDATION

8. That consideration is given to the Authority's representation on each partnership body listed in the attached Annex.

David Butterworth
Chief Executive

12 July 2007

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership	Appointments made 25/7/06	Meetings		Reported	Officer Contact	Reporting Back	Description/Effectiveness for NPA and Nat Park
		Held	Attended				
Association of National Park Authorities (ANPA)	<i>Chairman</i>	2	2	✓ (x 1) ¹	David Butterworth	MIB Chairman's Report, NPA	To provide the National Park Authorities with a single voice, particularly when dealing with government and its agencies. To provide a focus for collaborative working and corporate activity and the sharing of best practice across the Parks. Attempts to increase public understanding of the statutory purposes for which National Parks exist in the UK, and to promote them as models for sustainable development.
Association of North Yorkshire Councils	<i>Chairman with Deputy to act as substitute or attend if Chairman represents another organisation.</i>	3	3	✓(x2)	David Butterworth (LK for admin)	Members' Reports, NPA	Forum for discussion of common issues of concern to Councils in North Yorkshire
Biodiversity Forum	<i>(Mrs FG Ramsbottom)</i> [Suggest change rep to Member Champion for Natural Environment]	0	0	n/a	Tim Thom	Members' Reports, NPA	Advisory group for the development, review and implementation of LBAP. Responsible for the content of the LBAP
Council for National Parks	<i>Ms N Stedman, with KJ Lancaster to act as substitute</i>	3	2	✓	David Butterworth	MIB	Provides a corporate voluntary sector voice on National Park matters and acts as an umbrella organisation for a range of national bodies interested in National Parks.

¹ Meeting being held on 11 July therefore Report back to Sept Authority

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Craven Crime Reduction Partnership Steering Group	<i>D Heather</i>	6	4	x	Alan Hulme	MIB	A Government initiative. A duty placed on all authorities to seek to reduce crime and disorder in their areas
Craven Regeneration Steering Group	<i>D Heather</i>	3	1	✓	Phil Brown	Members' Reports, NPA	Similar function as the Richmondshire Regeneration Board
Cumbria Rural Forum	<i>RA Bird</i>	3	0 (no notification received; now rectified)	n/a	Phil Brown	Member's Reports, NPA	Forum for those involved in rural affairs in Cumbria. Wide range of topics discussed
Dales Advisory Group	<i>Mrs D Millward</i> [Suggest change rep to Member Champion for Natural Environment]	0	0	n/a	Adrian Shepherd	MIB	For EN & YDNPA to consult farmer and landowners' reps on agrienv schemes, initiatives and consultations
Dales Woodland Forum	<i>Mrs D Millward</i> [Suggest change rep to Member Champion for Natural Environment]	0	0	n/a	Geoff Garrett	Members' Reports, NPA	To advise the Authority on a range of woodland issues.
English National Park Authorities' Association (ENPAA)	<i>Chairman</i>	4	4	✓ (minutes go into MIB; record of attendance to NPA)	David Butterworth	MIB Chairman's Report, NPA	'Political' group of chairs of English NPs – discuss and influence NP policy.
Electronic Government Group (formerly Joint National Parks IEG Partnership)	<i>W Fenten</i>	3	3	✓	Steve Funnell	F&R Committee	Critical for delivery of joint NPA projects, particularly the Joint Portal

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Grassington Moor Management Association	<i>C Hammond</i>	1	1	✓	Phil Richards	Members' Reports, NPA	Duties under the Commons Act Section 9
Green Lanes Liaison Group	<i>Dr KM Petyt</i>	0	0	n/a	Jon Avison	Advice on specific issues to Access Committee	North Yorkshire wide group looking at options for management of green lanes. Important that the National Park is involved.
Hudson House Resource Centre/NPC	<i>KJ Lancaster</i>	Mr Lancaster is not representing the Authority, although he has provided a summary report once to NPA			Julie Barker	MIB	Staff time commitment and financial contribution of: Capital £25,000 over 5 yrs Revenue £18,00 pa (staff and on costs)
Mosaic	<i>SR Macaré</i> [Suggest change rep to Member Champion for Promoting Understanding]	Management Team and Steering Group meetings attended by officers – others more ad hoc and/or regional	Has attended 2/3 meetings as required – more in “champion” capacity than representational	✓ - has reported back to AG; not to members	Cathy Bergs, Annie Galloway	MIB	With the Council for National Parks (CNP), the Black Environment Network (BEN) and a range of partners, Mosaic aims to introduce people from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities to National Parks and to demonstrate how NPAs and voluntary sector organisations can engage with these communities.
Pennine Bridleway Steering Group	<i>W Fenten</i> <i>SR Macaré</i> <i>Dr KM Petyt</i> <i>Deputy Chairman</i> [Suggest rep also include Member Champion for Recreation Management]	2	2 2 1 2	(report going to Access Committee 25.7.07)	Kathryn Beardmore	Annual Report to Access Committee	In conjunction with the Countryside Agency, management and development of a national trail

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Richmond LSP - Green Living Task Group	Mrs Y Peacock	5	1	x	Phil Brown	Members' Reports, NPA	Considers and endorses projects to be submitted for NYCC Community Fund (aka 2nd homes discount funding)
Richmond LSP - Prosperous Communities Task Group	Mrs Y Peacock	7	4 (2 of these not as Member)	x	Phil Brown	Members' Reports, NPA	Considers and makes recommendations on projects bidding for NYCC Community Fund (2nd homes discount funding) and prepares Community Strategy Action Plan for this theme. In future likely to be influential in setting priorities.
Richmondshire Regeneration Board	Mrs Y Peacock, with (HA Kirkbride) as substitute.	0	0	n/a	Phil Brown	Members' Reports, NPA	Considers and endorses projects to be submitted for SRB or EU funding
Settle & Carlisle Railway Trust	G Dalton. [Suggest change rep to Member Champion for Cultural Heritage]	Not known	Not known	x	Mark Stephenson	Members' Reports, NPA	To preserve, restore, maintain and protect structures that are of historic, constructional or scientific interest or exhibit craftsmanship worthy of preservation: and to promote public access and knowledge, appreciation and understanding of both the architectural features and the historical and cultural aspects of the Line.
South Lakeland Local Strategic Partnership	Chairman, with G Dalton as substitute.	4	1	x	Phil Brown (LK for admin)	Members' Reports, NPA	Strategic body responsible for providing framework for, and orchestrating co-ordinated action to bring about, social and economic wellbeing in area
Swinden Quarry Trust	SHK Butcher	2	2	✓ (x 2) (written by officer) ²	Dave Parrish	Members' Reports, NPA	To manage the investment of the trust fund for the long-term management of the site after the restoration of the quarry
Yorkshire Dales Access Forum	Mrs D Millward J Pearlman H Brown [Suggest change rep to Member Champion for Recreation]	3	2 2 2	✓ (minutes; DM has reported x 1)	Kathryn Beardmore	Members' Reports, NPA	Forum established under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act to advise the Authority on access issues.

² DGP prepares briefing note for S Butcher

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Yorkshire Dales Housing Forum	<i>J Blackie C Hammond Mrs Y Peacock Plus KJ Lancaster and W Weston</i>	Has not met for four years			Peter Stockton	Members' Reports, NPA	To pursue housing issues of common interest.
Yorkshire Dales Tourism & Harrogate Area Tourism Partnership	<i>SR Macaré</i> [Suggest change rep to Member Champion for Promoting Understanding]	6	Approx 6 (!)	Occasional verbal update to NPA	Julie Barker	MIB	Quarterly Board meetings (increased meetings during year 1). Member and officer adviser.
Yorkshire Tourism Council	<i>W Weston</i>	3	Not known	x	Julie Barker	MIB	To promote and develop tourism within the region
Yorkshire & Humber Assembly	<i>Chairman with Deputy to act as substitute or attend if Chairman represents another organisation.</i>	3	0	n/a	Peter Stockton (LK for admin)	Members' Reports, NPA	YDNPA has membership status in relation to planning issues only
York & North Yorkshire Development Board	Chairman with Deputy to act as substitute or attend if Chairman represents another organisation.	4	3	✓ x 2	David Butterworth (LK for admin)	Members' Reports, NPA	To increase investment, achieve competitive business and economic regeneration in the county
Yorkshire and Humber Rural Affairs Forum	<i>Chairman with Deputy to act as substitute or attend if</i>	3	2	✓ x 2	Phil Brown (LK for admin)	Members' Reports, NPA	Consultative body that represents regional bodies and acts as a forum for discussion on a range of regional issues

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Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Planning Forum	<i>W Weston</i>	4	0	n/a	Peter Stockton	Members' Reports, NPA	Advises the Regional Assembly on regional spatial/land use matters and infrastructure topics. Key in preparation of Regional Planning Guidance.