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## MINUTES

Meeting:	<b>National Park Authority</b>
Date:	Friday 16 March 2018 at 10.00 am
Venue:	The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell
Chair:	Cllr Mrs L C Roberts
Present:	Cllr D Chapman, Mr P Ancell, Mrs P Anderson, Cllr J Atkin, Mrs F Beatty, Mr J W Berresford, Cllr P Brady, Cllr C Carr, Cllr C Furness, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr A Hart, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr A Law, Cllr Mrs C Howe, Cllr J Macrae, Cllr A McCloy, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr J Perkins, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr Mrs N Turner, Cllr Mrs J A Twigg, Cllr F J Walton and Cllr B Woods
Apologies for absence:	Cllr D Birkinshaw, Cllr A R Favell, Cllr Mrs G Heath and Cllr H Laws.

### **7/18 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair reported that National Parks England had considered the HMRC issue regarding tax on Members' expenses. The content of a letter had been jointly agreed and sent to the HMRC by each National Park Authority. HMRC had acknowledged the letter and indicated that they would reply in one month.

### **8/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 2 FEBRUARY 2018**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Authority held on 2 February 2018 were approved as a correct record.

### **9/18 URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

### **10/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Only one member of the public was present to make representations to the Committee.

### **11/18 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Item 8

It was noted that all Members had received 21 emails relating to this item.

Cllr Mrs K Potter declared a personal interest as a member of CPRE.

**12/18 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY (A1327/PN)**

The Committee considered the report which requested them to approve an over-arching Treasury Management Policy Statement and an Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy.

The recommendations were moved, seconded, voted on 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 5-13), and the policy on Minimum Revenue Provision (paragraphs 14-15), and adopts the Investment Strategy of North Yorkshire County Council (Appendix 3 of the report).**

**13/18 TRANS PENNINE UPGRADE PROGRAMME STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION (TN/BJT)**

The Transport Policy Planner and the Head of Policy and Communities were present for this item. The Transport Policy Officer reported that as of 5.00pm yesterday 21 representations had been received and all except 1 were objections. The objections were from members of the public and from organisations including British Mountaineering Council, Council for National Parks, Friends of the Earth, Friends of the Peak District, North West Round Table and Open Spaces Society.

Officers reported an amendment on page 63 of the report in the third paragraph under the heading 'Chapter 5 – Air Quality'. The increase in traffic equated to an additional 1,200 vehicles per day not per year as stated. Officers also reported that they would amend the third paragraph on page 67 to make this clearer and also amend page 68 regarding trails.

It was noted that officers, including the Director of Conservation and Planning and the Chief Executive, had been involved in discussions and working with Transport for the North to ensure National Park issues were considered.

The following spoke under the public participation at meetings scheme:

- Anne Robinson, CPRE and Friends of the Peak District, in support of the recommendation and in objection to the Highways England proposal at Mottram.

Members had a number of concerns including the cost benefit analysis, increased traffic numbers and impacts and regard for National Park purposes. Members also felt that the Authority's response needed to be tougher.

It was noted that Mrs Penny Anderson had a number of comments to make on the response and that she would pass these on to officers.

It was agreed to amend recommendations 2 and 3 to include delegation to the Director of Conservation and Planning to agree final changes to the Authority's response in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To note the report and the likely continuation of pressure for major improvements to Trans Pennine road and rail routes across the National Park.**
- 2. To agree the response to the Trans Pennine Upgrade Statutory Public Consultation and delegate authority to the Director of Conservation and Planning to finalise changes to the Authority's response in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair.**
- 3. To agree the response to the Transport for the North's Strategic Transport Plan Public Consultation and delegate authority to the Director of Conservation and Planning to finalise changes to the Authority's response in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair.**

*The meeting was adjourned at 11.20 for a short break and reconvened at 11.25.*

**14/18 EXEMPT INFORMATION S100(A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item No. 10 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)".**

**15/18 NATIONAL PARKS PARTNERSHIP (SLF)**

The Committee considered the report on the change to the funding model of National Parks Partnership LLP (NPP) based on an amended business plan and the creation of a national charitable entity to support UK National Parks. The report also requested delegation to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Head of Law, Chief Finance Officer and the Chair of the Authority, to agree all future operations of NPP and to support the creation of a Charitable Trust by the 15 UK National Park Authorities (NPAs).

Members expressed concerns regarding possible impacts on the Authority's considerations on a potential charity for the Peak District National Park which it was currently progressing, whether NPAs would work together or separately on offers from possible donors and how the new charity would work with no staffing support.

It was agreed to amend the recommendation to delegate decisions on future decisions on the governance and funding model of NPP until a review in 3 years when a report back would be made to the Authority.

The recommendation as amended was moved and seconded. This was then voted on and carried.

**RESOLVED:**

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- 1. To support a change in funding model for National Parks Partnerships LLP to the subscription model outlined in the report and to authorise all future decisions on the governance and funding model of NPP to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Head of Law, Chief Finance Officer and Chair of the Authority until a review in 3 years when a report back will be made to the Authority.**
  
  - 2. To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with Head of Law, Chief Finance Officer and the Chair of the Authority, to consider and agree the model of governance for the proposed National Parks charitable entity and to take all such incidental and consequential steps as are reasonably necessary to implement this decision including entering into any agreements and signing any legal documentation, including any subsequent amendments.**

The meeting ended at 12.00 noon.