

**Appointments to Outside Bodies  
2 March 2016**

**Report of Chief Officer (Governance)**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To enable Council to consider the basis of any appointment to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

**This report is public**

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (1) To consider the basis of any appointment to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA).**

**1.0 Background**

1.1 In October 2015, it was announced that boundary of the Yorkshire Dales National Park was to be extended and expanded by nearly 24%. The new boundary will include Leck Fells.

1.2 The extension will come into effect in August 2016, and the National Park body is keen to ensure that new local authority members are able to take their seats on the revised park board before they start to consider decisions on planning applications. At the present time, there is not absolute certainty about the composition of the Board although the Secretary of State is anticipated to make an announcement in due course. However, it is anticipated that all three Local Authorities joining the YDNPA area, including Lancaster City Council, will each be entitled to a seat on the Authority.

**2.0 Basis of Appointment**

1.2 To enable any appointment to be made swiftly, once requested, Council is asked to consider whether the basis of any appointment should be nomination and voting at full Council, or whether it should be made by virtue of role or position; for example the Cabinet Member for Rural Areas.

1.3 If the basis of appointment is nomination and voting at full Council, the nomination(s) and appointment will be done at a future meeting, once the Council's place on the Authority has been confirmed.

1.3 If the basis of appointment is appropriate Cabinet Member, then the appointment will be referred to Cabinet.

#### 4.0 Conclusion

4.1 Council is asked to consider the basis of appointment to the YDNPA so that an appointment can be made swiftly if necessary.

#### **CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)**

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

See paragraph two of the financial implications below.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Members of outside bodies are entitled to travel expenses. Costs resulting from these appointments can be met from existing democratic representation budgets.

It should be noted that the National Parks Authorities have the power to levy under the National Park Authorities (Levies) (England) Regulations 1996. As the levy is apportioned on the basis of membership of the Authority, potentially this appointment could have had implications for the Council's budget. However, officers have been informed that the Authority has no plans to use the power to levy.

#### **OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Human Resources:**

None

**Information Services:**

None

**Property:**

None

**Open Spaces:**

None

#### **SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The s151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

#### **MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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