

# CABINET

## Appointment to Outside Body – Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

29<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### Report of Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT			
To enable Cabinet to appoint a Cabinet Member to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, if invited to join.			
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Referral from Council			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date of notice of forthcoming key decision	n/a		
This report is public			

### RECOMMENDATION

- (1) **That the Cabinet Member with Special Responsibility for Rural Affairs be appointed to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority subject to an invitation to join.**

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 An extension to the boundary of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) comes into effect in August 2016 and will include Leck Fells. It is expected that Lancaster City Council will be entitled to a seat on the Authority.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 2 March 2016 Council were requested to consider the basis of any appointment to the (YDNPA).

#### 2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 Council agreed that the basis of the appointment should be the appropriate Cabinet Member and that the appointment be referred to Cabinet to endorse.
- 2.2 It is understood that the National Park body is keen to ensure that any new local authority members would be able to take their seats on the revised park board as quickly as possible to consider any planning applications in August.

#### 3.0 Officer Preferred Option (and comments)

- 3.1 It is recommended that the appointment be aligned as closely as possible to

an individual Cabinet Member's portfolio. Although the membership of the extended Authority has not yet been finalised, it is recommended that Cabinet indicate who will be appointed so that there is no delay in making any appointment, for the reasons outlined in 2.2 above.

**RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK**

Representation on Outside Bodies is part of the City Council's community leadership role.

**CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

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

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

See paragraph 2 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 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 Section 151 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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