

Date: 24 November 2009**Report: REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

ENGAGEMENTS

Since the last Authority meeting, I have undertaken the following as Chairman of the Authority:

Events

- Along with other Members, attended a training session on Historic Environment and Listed Buildings, at Yoredale;
- Attended a presentation by the Campaign to Protect Rural England, relating to their publication 2026 Vision, in Leeds;
- Attended an evening event at the World of James Herriot Visitor Centre in Thirsk
- Attended the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership Conference; in Harrogate, entitled "Facing The Challenges Ahead Together"; including chairing a workshop on "One Planet Living".
- Along with the Chief Executive, Deputy Chairman Mr Brown and Malcolm Petyt, welcomed a catch-up visit by Ruth Chambers [Deputy CEO] and Anne Robinson [Chair] from the Campaign for National Parks;
- Attended an ENPAA Policy Seminar, in London;
- Will have attended a conference run by the Yorkshire & Humber Rural Affairs Forum, in York;
- Along with the Head of Conservation & Policy, will have attended a Natural England conference entitled "Vital Uplands: a 2060 vision for the upland environment";
- Along with Messrs Welch, Parsons and Barker, will have answered questions from officers at their Staff Meeting as part of a "Member panel";
- Along with other Members, will have attended a planning training session, at Yoredale.

Meetings

- Along with the Chief Executive, attended a meeting of Local Government North Yorkshire & York, in Scarborough, as reported to Members earlier;
- Attended a meeting of the ENPAA All Party Parliamentary Group in Westminster, discussing Accountability and Engagement;
- Attended a meeting of the Local Government North Yorkshire & York (LGNYY) Economy & Skills Board, at County Hall;

- Chaired a meeting of Member Champions; immediately prior to the last PDF meeting;
- Along with Messrs Hassan, Harrison-Topham and Blackie, attended a working group meeting with the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer, looking at Member/Officer relationships/protocol;
- Will have attended a meeting of the South Lakes Strategic Partnership, in Kendal;
- Will have met with the Bishop of Bolton, at Scargill House;
- Will have attended a meeting of the One Planet Living Group, in Skipton;
- Along with the Head of Conservation & Policy, will have attended a meeting of Local Government Yorkshire & Humber, in Wakefield;
- Will have carried out an appraisal review with the Chief Executive.

The Deputy Chairman, Mr Brown, attended on my behalf a Natural England Parliamentary Reception, in London, to launch a report on agri-environment schemes.

Carl Lis
Chairman