Item 10: Authority Review meetings: Findings and Actions Proposed 17 April 2019

1. **Purpose of the Report**

This report informs members of the recommendations of the Authority Review of the Revitalising Redesdale Landscape Partnership Scheme at the meeting held on 17 April 2019 and seeks endorsement for the actions planned or currently underway to address the recommendations.

2. **Recommendations**

The Authority is recommended to:

   a. Note the findings of the Review of the Revitalising Redesdale Landscape Partnership Scheme at the meeting held on 17 April 2019;
   b. Note and consider the response from Leadership Team in respect of the recommendations from this meeting; and
   c. Endorse the actions planned or currently underway as set out in Appendix 1 to Item 10.

3. **Implications**

   a. **Financial**: It is anticipated that the actions proposed in Appendix 1 can be managed within the medium term budget, however, some of the actions relate to a period beyond the medium term budget plan.
   
   b. **Equality**: Enhanced training and focus on culture and values should help support action on equalities.

4. **Background**

   a. The theme for the Authority Review meeting held on 17 April 2019 was revitalising Redesdale. The review was informed by visits to Yearhaugh Farm where we looked at work to improve the habitat for freshwater pearl mussel, and to Rochester Roman Fort where we inspected the restoration of the Fort and heard about plans to enhance interpretation and access.
   
   b. The visits were followed by a presentation on the project, with questions and discussion to explore the benefits being delivered and the challenges of implementing a NLHF funded landscape partnership scheme.
   
   c. Members of Review were able to hear of the energy, enthusiasm and dynamism which comes from working in partnership through the scheme and how this had helped strengthen relationships with key partners. The use of a catchment as the project unit emerged as an interesting insight to working within a defined geographic unit and in working beyond the boundaries of the National Park.
   
   d. A key observation from the review was the important role which additional funding has played in focussing the energy and priorities of a number of partners and has released the capacity to deliver engagement with local communities and the implementation of a number of longstanding desired projects. Revitalising Redesdale does genuinely seem to be delivering a number of shared priorities rather than simply chasing project funding.
e. Key challenges and thus findings from this Review will be how to secure the benefits of this project in to the longer term and how to capture the lesson learned through development and delivery of the project to inform potential projects elsewhere in the Park.

5. Response to Key findings

The findings and recommendations of the review are set out at Appendix 1 to Item 10, together with the proposed actions as agreed by Leadership Team.

6. Conclusion

Members are asked to note the findings of the Review of the Revitalising Redesdale Landscape Partnership Scheme at the meeting held on 17 April 2019, consider the responses from Leadership Team and endorse the actions as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

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Background papers:
Notes of the Authority Review meeting on Governance, 13 February 2019 (Available on request)
### Revitalising Redesdale

Leadership Team (LT) Recommendations and Proposed Actions from Meetings held on 17 April 2019

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<td>1.</td>
<td>The Authority considers how it might secure a longer term legacy for the project in relation to access agreements, practical works, research and volunteer engagement.</td>
<td>• Ensure NNPA are in touch with ongoing vision and project areas. Feeding in and reporting on as appropriate to help ‘build in’ future sustainability.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Authority considers how we might support communication of the project and capture the partnership contributions as part of NPMP reporting.</td>
<td>• Revitalising Redesdale is promoted through the NPA website and via social media already. • Revitalising Redesdale is captured as part of the NPMP annual action plan.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>The Authority is clearer about the full NNPA resourcing being contributed to the project and ensure relevant parts of the Park team are available to provide light touch support and engagement.</td>
<td>• Agreed - Exercise to be undertaken to capture full extent of NNPA input, e.g., digital support. - NNPA support in many areas, however, there is a need to limit our input given other priorities.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Learn lessons from working collaboratively with partners and at a landscape scale within and beyond the Park. Particularly: a) Securing community and volunteer engagement b) Effective partnership working c) Releasing ideas and opportunities identified by staff on the ground d) How to generate energy and enthusiasm for the NPMP process</td>
<td>• Through partnership working ensure NNPA share results and celebrate success across the Authority. Recognising the part Revitalising Redesdale is playing in delivering shared goals. • Ensure all project outputs, including collaborative working, are captured and celebrated through NPMP reporting.</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Use Revitalising Redesdale to develop our thinking on: a) The pros and cons of catchments as a large scale geography for landscape scale projects. b) Are there other parts of the Park (and beyond) that lend themselves to this type of approach.</td>
<td>• Develop thinking on project led culture work within NNPA across the Strategic Development Plan scoping – catchment scale approach (including beyond the Park) to be considered as part of this.</td>
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