

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

NORTH YORKSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2005

MEETING DATES

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to agree the arrangements for meetings of the Local Access Forum for the forthcoming year.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Local Access Forum meets on a quarterly basis. Previously the dates for the meetings have been set on an ad hoc basis at the end of each meeting. At the Local Access Forum meeting on 11 November 2004, Members raised the desirability of setting the dates for meetings in advance for the forthcoming year. Suggested dates are set out in paragraph 3.0 of the report. Members are invited to review the dates suggested, with a view to agreeing either these dates, or alternative dates, as necessary.
- 2.2 It may become necessary for additional meetings to be held, where applications for exclusions and/or restrictions are received for consultation and those applications require a response more quickly than the programmed meetings will allow. It is proposed that Special Meetings of the Local Access Forum be convened to deal with those applications, and that these arrangements be kept under review, depending on the frequency and number of applications received.
- 2.3 At present the venue for the meetings is also determined on an ad hoc basis in consultation with the Chairman, having regard both to the geographical areas to which the business of the meeting relates and to the desirability of holding the meetings at different venues around the County, so as to promote accessibility and public participation in the meetings. I would suggest that with these objectives in mind, the venues continue to be determined on an ad hoc basis in consultation with the Chairman in line with the present arrangements, though Members may wish to consider as an alternative setting the venues in advance, along with the dates.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended:-

- (i) That the dates and times for regular meetings of the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum for 2005/06 be fixed as follows:-
 - Friday 3 June 2005
 - Thursday, 18 August 2005
 - Thursday, 24 November 2005
 - Thursday, 23 February 2006

- (ii) That Special Meetings be convened as and when necessary to deal with Exclusion and/or Restriction applications, in consultation with the Chairman.

- (iii) That the venue for all meetings of the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum also be determined in consultation with the Chairman, having regard to the matters referred to in paragraph 2.3 of the report.

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