

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum**2 March 2017****Regional Meeting and National Conference****Report of the Secretary****1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To confirm North Yorkshire Local Access Forum attendance at the forthcoming Regional meeting and the national Conference.

2.0 Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Access Forum

- 2.1 As noted at the last LAF meeting, the next meeting of the Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Access Forum will take place at Scunthorpe Civic Centre on Wednesday 8 March. A copy of the agenda has been circulated to all members for information.
- 2.2 Members are asked to agree who will attend this meeting to represent the LAF.

3.0 Local Access Forum annual conference

- 3.1 Notification was received on 13 February of the annual LAF conference, which will take place at Carr's Lane Church, Birmingham, on 21 March 2017. LAFs have been invited to send up to 2 members. As an interim measure the Secretary has confirmed that NYLAF members may wish to attend.
- 3.2 The theme for the conference is 'Outdoors for All' – we would like to theme the conference around providing equality in access provision for everyone, reducing barriers to participation and looking for innovative ways to ensure access improvements for all; from infrastructure changes to improving people's experiences.
- 3.3 It is planned that the conference will be a series of talks and workshops based around the Outdoors for All theme – how to identify issues and opportunities and how to deliver benefits. The organisers expect to have an update from Defra on the progress of the Deregulation Act and their 25 Year Plan; a keynote talk on outdoors; and possibly an item on ROWIPs/ROWIP reviews and how they can deliver benefits for all.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 That the Forum agrees representation at the Regional meeting on 8 March and the national conference on 21 March 2017.

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