



## Agenda

**Meeting:** North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

**Members:** Will Scarlett (Chair), Patricia Coulson (Vice-Chair), Stephen Clark, Rachel Connolly, Mark Cunliffe-Lister, Naomi Guthrie, Roma Haigh, Samantha Perks, Martin Reynolds, Belinda Ryan, John Toogood, Robert Heseltine and David Jeffels.

**Date:** Wednesday, 29 January 2025

**Time:** 10.00 am

**Venue:** Project Room B, Ground Floor, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AD

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### **Business**

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 September 2024**

(Pages 5 - 14)

3. **Declarations of Interest**

All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have in items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests.

4. **Public Participation**

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice to Dawn Drury of Democratic Services and supplied the text (contact details below) by midday on Friday 24 January 2025, three working days before

the day of the meeting. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item. Members of the public who have given notice will be invited to speak:-

- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
- when the relevant agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the agenda for this meeting.

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- 5. Secretary's Update Report** (Pages 15 - 18)  
Purpose: To update LAF members on developments since the last meeting.
- 6. LAF Sub-Group and individual Project Updates** (Pages 19 - 22)  
Purpose: An opportunity for LAF members to update the Forum on LAF representative project activity since the last meeting.
- 7. NY Local Access Forum - Draft Revised Terms of Reference** (Pages 23 - 30)  
To consider, agree and adopt the revised Terms of Reference put forward by the LAF Terms of Reference Sub-Group. (Document shown with the amendments requested at the September 2024 meeting highlighted for ease of reading).
- 8. Natural England - Coast to Coast National Trail**  
The Senior Officer, People, Landscapes, Access and Nature to attend, to provide a verbal update to Members.
- 9. Natural England - Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELM's)**  
The Senior Specialist: Public Access, Recreation and Rights of Way to attend, to provide a verbal update to Members.
- 10. Rights of Way Improvement Plan** (Pages 31 - 34)  
Item as requested by Members at the meeting in September 2024. The RoW Improvement Plan briefing paper outlines the current position and thoughts on its future development. Officers would welcome Members views on the topic and any strategic advice that may help to inform NYC's approach going forward.
- 11. Consultation response on the proposal to designate a new Yorkshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)** (Pages 35 - 42)  
Members are asked to note the response to Natural England's proposals to designate a new Yorkshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB); and to consider any additional pressures within the Countryside Access Service resource that creation of the Wolds AONB may incur.
- 12. NYLAF Forward Plan Programme** (Pages 43 - 50)  
To consider the proposals set out within the report and adopt a forward plan for future LAF meetings.
- 13. Any Other Items**  
Any other items which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances

#### Contact Details

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