



YORKSHIRE DALES
National Park Authority

Summary of Impact of Budget Changes 2011-2015

This document provides a brief summary of the likely impact of the proposed cuts and other changes that are incorporated into the Authority's draft budget for 2011/12 and the budget projections for the three following years.

The details of what each Authority programme currently covers and costs can be found in Appendix 2 of the 'Proposed Budget 2011-12 Report' which can be viewed here - www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/authority03feb11proposedbudgetweb-2.pdf.

Programmes where work will effectively end

Branding: no further work to develop the brand identity of the National Park

Definitive Map: from April 2013 we will cease our current statutory work to keep the 'definitive map of rights of way' under continuous review. In future any outstanding or new applications for a correction to be made to the Definitive Map will be dealt with by the relevant county council. However, some aspects of legal rights of way work (e.g. Path Orders) should continue under the Authority's own powers.

Geology: Any future work dependent entirely on volunteers or securing external funding.

Public Transport: no grant funding for leisure bus services after 2011/12.

Programmes where activity and services are likely to be cut back

Archaeology: fewer grants to local history societies etc for research and an end to placements for graduate students.

Climate Change: reduction in planned funding for hydro-power scheme feasibility studies (to reflect the *actual* level of demand in 2010). Cut back on recent significant increase in funding for woodland management (but still higher than two years ago).

Communications: some reduction in the number of publications, and changes to the way the Authority produces and distributes them.

Countryside Skills: the current trainee apprenticeship scheme ends in March 2013. No replacement yet identified.

Development control: considering charging fees for some current free services (such as discharging conditions and providing pre-application advice). No impact on speed of dealing with applications but may be some reduction in officer time to assist the public.

Education: ending the development of education resources and associated activities. Low key programme of visits to local schools will continue, as will programme of educational visits by schools.

Events: reduction in the programme of specialised events (walks, talks etc) provided by the Authority. Future events provided mostly through volunteers.

National Park Centres and Park Information Points: likely to be some reduction in opening hours and the range of services provided at Centres. Budget also assumes withdrawal of National Park Centre services from the 'partnership centre' in Reeth (Hudson House) from January 2013.

Open Access: resources cut back to level that allows the Authority to meet only its minimum legal obligations.

Outreach: a reduced service will be offered. The remaining budget will be used to support outreach with new audiences.

Recreational Activities: the three-year 'Go Dales' project (funded by Sport England) finishes in 2011/12. No replacement yet identified.

Rights of Way: no further overall improvement in the rights of way network. The network is now at a very good standard (90% "easy to use") and resources will now be focused on maintaining that standard.

Sustainable Development: Grants available to local communities and businesses will be cut from £180,000 per year to £146,000 per year, over the next four years.

Toilets: Closure of two of the 11 Authority-owned public toilet facilities in 2012/13.

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust: gradual withdrawal of funding for general support of the Trust (reflecting increase in funding that the Trust now receives from other sources).

Programmes where the Authority will continue to provide broadly the same level of service

Biodiversity	Green Lanes
Building Conservation	National Park Management Plan and State of the Park
Car Parks	Retail
Dales Countryside Museum	Sustainable Tourism
Farm Conservation	Volunteers
Forward Planning	Web-based Services