



BRIEFING DOCUMENT FOR THE FLOOD MANAGEMENT WORKING PARTY

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SUMMARY OF YORKSHIRE DERWENT CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL STRATEGY – REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION OF £5,000

Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership have requested all Board Members commit to a contribution of £5,000 to assist in developing new projects and supporting existing projects in 2023 to 2024.

This financial contribution is for core ‘restricted’ funding for staff costs to carry out project development and project fundraising in the Upper and Middle Derwent operational catchments. A map providing an overview of current YDCP projects in Ryedale is attached at Appendix 2.

Funding will contribute to the completion of SMART targets set out over the next 5 years and sit under the following 5 aims:

Aim 1: Ensure a resilient catchment through community engagement and promoting integrated, sustainable land management which benefits the rural economy.

Aim 2: Improve water level management, reducing flood risk and preserving water resources.

Aim 3: Secure better soil conservation and water quality.

Aim 4: Create extensive habitat connectivity and species resilience.

Aim 5. Ensure good partnership governance and develop a robust evidence base.

Current projects in delivery:

1. **‘Doing more for the Derwent Project’** (Environment Agency funded) involved in INNS control of giant hogweed and Japanese knotweed
2. **Derwent Upland streams** to improve water quality by reducing sediment input from poor land management and forestry in headwater streams of the Derwent catchment.
3. **River Dove sub catchment NFM project** improving water retention of the landscape above Kirkbymoorside about to start 23/24.

New potential projects looking for start-up funding for investigation:

4. **Fryton NFM proposal**, fundraising to implement the consultant’s design.
5. **Cayton & Flixton Carrs**, investigating possibilities and opportunities to link potential flood storage with peat restoration and carbon storage.
6. **Upper and Middle Derwent Restoration** to address the impacts of physical modifications by creating space for a more natural river.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that an annual contribution of £5,000 is made in 22/23 from the existing revenue budget.