

1. Objectives

The objective of the Humber Management Scheme is to deliver the Relevant Authorities collective responsibilities for the development, implementation and monitoring of a single management scheme for the Humber Estuary European Marine Site, as detailed in regulation 34 of the “Conservation (Natural Habitats & c.) Regulations 1994”.

2. Membership of Humber Estuary Relevant Authorities’ Group (HERAG)

Membership of the Humber Management Scheme will comprise a representative from each of the Relevant Authorities, as defined in the Habitats Regulations. The chairman of the Humber Advisory Group will be invited to all HERAG and Working Group meetings.

3. Officers of the Partnership

The officers shall consist of a Chairman and Vice Chairman and Treasurer elected annually from the membership. Secretariat shall be provided by scheme staff when in post, otherwise an elected member. An executive shall be elected annually as detailed in the Terms of Reference. The executive is called the Working Group. The Working Group shall appoint staff, set and monitor their work and administer the budget, reporting to HERAG.

4. Meetings

HERAG will meet at least once a year for an Annual General Meeting, (commencing March 2006) at which the following business will be conducted:

- (a) Adopting the Annual Accounts
- (b) Adopting the Annual Report
- (c) Election of officers
- (d) Election of the Working Group
- (e) Setting the budget for the following year

- 4.1. The quorum shall be not fewer than 8 members, each Relevant Authority shall have 1 (one) vote.
- 4.2. Proxy votes are not permitted, except when a member legally represents another RA.
- 4.3. Voting shall be by simple majority, the Chair having a second (casting) vote in the event of a tie.
- 4.4. The Working Group will meet as often as necessary to discharge Humber Management Scheme business. Agendas and minutes of Working Group meetings will be distributed to all Relevant Authorities.

5. Funding

- 5.1. Funding shall be provided by the Relevant Authorities collectively, together with seeking grants/donations or awards applicable to the Humber Management Scheme.
- 5.2. A bank account shall be maintained in the Humber Management Scheme to receive funds.
- 5.3. The signatories of the bank account shall be any minimum 2 out of the 3 members authorised to do so by HERAG.

6. Property

All intellectual property issued by the members in connection with the Humber Management Scheme, will remain the property of the respective members who will continue to own the prior rights for the property. Intellectual property shall only be used for Humber Management Scheme purposes, unless the consent of the member is given.

All property purchased by HERAG will remain the property of HERAG.

7. Winding Up

In the event of winding up, any funds within the bank account and property will be returned to the Relevant Authorities in proportion to their contribution in that financial year, or the year immediately preceding if no contribution were collected that year.

8. Alterations to the Constitution

Alterations to the constitution of the Humber Management Scheme can only be made after a proposal has been circulated to all members, with 12 weeks notice of the date, time and place of the meeting.

Constitution accepted at a meeting on ...16th March 2006.....(date)

Signed.....(Chair)