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Report by the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 60 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Report is prepared by the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 60 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980. It specifies determinations concerning the payment of National Parks Supplementary Grant in respect of the estimated expenditure in connection with National Parks in England of the councils of counties and metropolitan districts which include the whole or part of the Park areas ("constituent councils"). National Parks Supplementary Grant is paid under section 7 of the Local Government Act 1974, as amended by Schedule 3 to the Local Government Act 1985 and Schedule 8 to the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- 1.2 This Report specifies the Secretary of State's determinations of the amounts to be paid to each of the constituent councils. It sets out the amount of the estimated expenditure of the constituent councils which is determined to be appropriate to take into account for the purposes of the Grant, and the amount payable to each council.
- 1.3 Before making the determinations the Secretary of State consulted the Countryside Commission and such associations of local authorities as appeared to him to be concerned and any local authority with whom consultation appeared to him desirable, and obtained the consent of the Treasury.
- 1.4 Estimated expenditure of the constituent councils is determined from the provision of details of the National Park authorities' expenditure and income. The National Park authorities were established to manage and administer the areas designated as National Parks for the purposes of section 5 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. The National Parks are administered by boards or committees under the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 17 to the Local Government Act 1972. Constituent councils together with non-metropolitan district councils having land in the Parks appoint two thirds of the members of the boards and committees. The apportionment of the estimated expenditure among constituent councils broadly reflects their participation on these boards and committees.

## 2 THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT

2.1. The Secretary of State hereby determines the following amount of the estimated expenditure of each council to be appropriate to be taken into account for the purposes of the Grant:

- a) 75% of each constituent council's estimated expenditure with respect to National Parks as is properly attributable to the administration and management of the Parks by the councils, and
- b) 90% of the estimated expenditure of the constituent councils with respect to moorland conservation in relation to Exmoor National Park, and
- c) £107,935 in respect of the estimated expenditure of Northumberland County Council in relation to an extension of office accommodation.

### 3 AMOUNTS PAYABLE TO AUTHORITIES

3.1. The Secretary of State hereby determines the amount of grant payable to each council, as set out in the Annex.

John Selwyn Gummer Secretary of State for the Environment

24 January 1996

The consent of the Treasury has been obtained to the making of the determinations specified in paragraphs 2 and 3 and the Annex to this Report.

Bowen Wells
Derek Conway
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury

### ANNEX

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The aggregate estimated expenditure of the councils of counties and metropolitan districts which include the whole or any part of a National Park, as accepted by the Secretary of State as appropriate for the purposes of section 7 of the 1974 Act for the financial year 1996/97 is £20.144m. The Grant will be 75% of this estimated expenditure, and 90% of this estimated expenditure in respect of moorland conservation in the Exmoor National Park, and £107,935 in respect of an extension of office accommodation for Northumberland National Park, that is £15.168m, to the following county and metropolitan district councils in the following amounts. Grant will be paid in twelve equal monthly instalments, payable mid way through each month.

### In relation to the Dartmoor National Park Authority

Devon County Council

100%

£1,825,280

### In relation to the Exmoor National Park Authority

Somerset County Council

71%

£1,082,096

Devon County Council

29%

£441,983

### In relation to the Lake District Special Planning Board

Cumbria County Council

100%

£2,775,570

### In relation to the Northumberland National Park Authority

Northumberland County Council

100%

£1,086,839

### In relation to the North York Moors National Park Authority

North Yorkshire County Council

83.3%

£1,691,071

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council

16.7%

£339,026

### In relation to the Peak Park Joint Planning Board

Derbyshire County Council	50%	£1,985,669
Cheshire County Council	10%	£397,134
Staffordshire County Council	10%	£397,134
Sheffield City Council	10%	£397,134
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council	10%	£397,134
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	5%	£198,567
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	5%	£198,567

### In relation to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

North Yorkshire County Council	87.5%	£1,710,446
Cumbria County Council	12.5%	£244,350

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