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SUMMARY OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 1 MAY 2008**

Report by: Stephen Trotter, Director of Conservation, Recreation and Sustainable Development

Summary:

This report outlines the main issues discussed by the Consultative Panel on 1 May 2008.

Recommendations:

To note:

- i) **issues of interest at the meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel on 1 May 2008**
- ii) **the date of the next Panel meeting is Thursday 10 July 2008.**

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1 Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting

- 1.1 Letter in support of New Forest Community Media's application for a licence to broadcast to the New Forest area

Following the presentation at the last meeting of the Panel on the proposal for a community radio station in the New Forest, the Panel agreed to a request to forward a letter in support of New Forest Community Media's application to Ofcom.

2. Forestry Commission items

- 2.1 Forestry Commission tour for Panel members and Anderwood Commoners' houses

Mike Seddon of the Forestry Commission advised members that this year's Forestry Commission tour would be held on Tuesday 9 September 2008. He then addressed a number of concerns which had been circulating in connection with the future of the commoners' houses being built at Anderwood, giving assurances on the Commission's intention to retain the houses specifically for commoners.

3 National Park Authority – planning enforcement processes

- 3.1 The Panel received a detailed presentation from Steve Avery, the Authority's Head of Development Control, on the structure of the Planning Enforcement Section, the approach taken by the Authority where breaches of planning control have been reported, the work of the newly appointed Compliance Officer and examples of enforcement action undertaken by the Section.

4 Update on Natural England

- 4.1 Panel members were updated by Graham Bryant on the regional structure of Natural England, its strategic direction and priorities and plans for future engagement. He said that the New Forest had been identified as a key priority area in view of its increasing environmental pressures. Now that Natural England was nearing completion of its restructuring, its interaction with local organisations and the Panel would increase. Amongst the initiatives planned for the New Forest was the

appointment of an Area Manager who would be responsible for liaising closely with partners on local environmental and conservation issues.

5 Report on National Park Authority meetings

5.1 Steve Trotter, Director of Conservation, Recreation and Sustainable Development updated the Panel on the issues discussed at the last meeting of the National Park Authority on 26 March 2008.

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