

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING – 28 JUNE 2007

APPOINTMENT ON COMMITTEES

Report by: Lindsay Cornish, Chief Executive, and David Stone, Head of Member Services

Summary:

In accordance with its Standing Orders, the Authority is required to appoint its committees at its Annual Meetings. The membership of the Planning Development Control, Resources and Performance and Standards Committees prior to the April 2007 meeting of the Authority is listed in the schedule attached as **Annex 1**. The results of a survey of members' preferred committee choices is attached as **Annex 2**.

Recommendation:

- 1 To appoint the membership of the Planning Development Control Committee reflecting the results of a ballot for local authority members;**
- 2 To appoint the membership of the Resources and Performance Committee to reflect members preferences stated at the Authority meeting;**
- 3 To re-appoint all of the previous Standards Committee members.**

Resources: None

Corporate Plan: Objective A1

Paper:

NFNPA: 184/07 Cover paper
NFNPA: 184/07 Annex 1 – Committee Membership
NFNPA: 184/07 Annex 2 – Results of members' committee preference survey

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Introduction:

1. In accordance with the Standing Orders, the Authority is required to re-appoint the membership of its committees at the Annual Meeting. Accordingly, the membership of the Planning Development Control, the Resources and Performance and the Standards Committees must be approved for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Authority in June 2008.
2. The membership of the three Committees prior to the April 2007 meeting of the Authority (at which changes were made to Committee membership to facilitate the continuity of the Authority's business following the local government elections) is listed in the schedule at **Annex 1**.
3. In order to facilitate the process of appointing the membership of the Committees at the Annual Authority meeting, the Chief Executive wrote to members on 12 June 2007 inviting them to state their preferred choice for committee membership by completing and returning a committee preference form.
4. In determining the membership and composition of any committee, sub-committee, panel or other group, the Standing Orders require that due regard shall be had to the overall composition of the Authority in terms of the balance between local authority and Secretary of State appointments (Article 4, Part 2 of the 2005 Establishment Order and to the provisions of Articles 13(3) and (4) of Schedule 7 of the Environment Act 1995. The membership of the Authority is 12 local authority and 10 Secretary of State members.
5. The independent members of the Standards Committee (Jerry Giltrow and Roger Janson) have been appointed for a four year term and accordingly do not need to be considered for re-appointment on this occasion.

Proposed Committee membership:

6. The results of the survey of members' preferred committee choices is attached as **Annex 2**. Members were asked to prioritise their choices where they had more than one preference and these have been reflected in the schedule – in some cases, members have indicated that the status quo remain in respect of their committee membership.

Planning Development Control Committee

7. Sixteen members have expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Planning Development Control Committee as their first preference. The agreed Committee number is 15, eight local authority members and 7 Secretary of State appointed members. As a result one volunteer will need to withdraw their preference, or a ballot will need to be held to ascertain those local authority members securing the most votes.

Recommendation 1

To appoint the membership of the Planning Development Control Committee reflecting the results of a ballot for local authority members

Resources and Performance Committee

8. Eight members have expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Resources and Performance Committee. The agreed Committee number is seven, four local authority members and three Secretary of State appointed members. In the interests of continuity at a critical time in developing the Authority's future funding strategy it is suggested that a volunteer to withdraw is sought from those members not formerly on the Committee who have expressed a second or third preference in joining.

Recommendation 2

To appoint the membership of the Resources and Performance Committee to reflect members preferences stated at the Authority meeting

Standards Committee

9. Six members expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Standards Committee. The agreed Committee number is four (plus two external appointments). All previous members of the Committee have expressed a first or second preference for re-appointment. Those expressing a third preference are not previous members of the Committee.

Recommendation 3

To re-appoint all of the previous Standards Committee members.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP PRIOR TO INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS MADE IN APRIL 2007

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (4 Authority members)	PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (15 Members)	RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (7 Members)
Tony Gentle	Lee Dunsdon	Susan Achmatowicz
Bob Morris	Peter Frost	Roger Heape
Clive Maton	Tony Gentle	Jeremy Heron
Pat Wyeth	Diana Halford	Julian Johnson
	Ted Johnson	Mel Kendal
	Clive Maton	John Sanger
	Bob Morris	Alan Weeks
	Vicky Myers	
	Leo Randall	
	Alan Rice	
	Barry Rickman	
	John Sanger	
	Stan Wade	
	Alan Weeks	
	Pat Wyeth	

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RESULTS OF MEMBERS' SURVEY ON PREFERRED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2007/2008

- 1 indicates Member's first choice
2 indicates Member's second choice
3 indicates Member's third choice

MEMBER	STANDARDS COMMITTEE (4 National Park Authority members)	PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (15 Members)	RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (7 Members)
Susan Achmatowicz			1
Clive Chatters			
Lee Dunsdon		1	
Peter Frost		1	
Tony Gentle	2	1	3
Diana Halford		1	
Roger Heape			1
Kathy Heron			
Maureen Holding	3	1	2
Julian Johnson			1
Ted Johnson, OBE		1	
Mel Kendal			1
Clive Maton	1	1	
Bob Morris	1	1	
Vicky Myers		1	
Leo Randall		1	
Alan Rice, TD		1	
Barry Rickman		1	
John Sanger		1	1
Stan Wade	3	1	2
Alan Weeks		1	
Pat Wyeth	2	1	