

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING – 25 JUNE 2009

APPOINTMENTS TO 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 current membership of the Planning Development Control, Resources and Performance and Standards Committees is listed in the schedule attached as **Annex 1**. The results of a survey of members' preferred committee choices is attached as **Annex 2**.

Recommendations:

- 1 To re-appoint all of the current members of the Planning Development Control Committee listed in Annex 2 for the period until the Annual meeting of the Authority in June 2010, and that a Secretary of State appointed member be appointed to fill the vacancy on this Committee.**
- 2 To appoint the members of the Resources and Performance Committee from the volunteers listed in Annex 2 for the period until the Annual meeting of the Authority in June 2010, bearing in mind the need to maintain the balance between Secretary of State (3) and local authority (4) members.**
- 3 To re-appoint the remaining members of the Standards Committee listed in Annex 2 for the period until the Annual meeting of the Authority in June 2010, and appoint the new deputy member to fill the vacancy listed in Annex 2.**

Resources: None

Corporate Plan: Objective A1

Paper:

NFNPA 302/09/09:	Cover paper
NFNPA 302/09/09 Annex 1:	Current Committee Membership
NFNPA 302/09/09 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 2010.
2. The membership of the three Committees prior to the Annual meeting of the Authority 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 29 May 2009 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 (Secretary of State-appointed members are identified in **Annex 2** by shading).
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**.

Planning Development Control Committee

7. The agreed Committee number is 15, comprising eight local authority members and seven Secretary of State appointed members. All of the current Committee members have indicated their preference to remain on the Committee, although there is currently one Secretary of State-appointed vacancy on the Committee resulting from the death last year of Diana Halford and there is a need to fill this vacancy.

Recommendation 1:

To re-appoint all of the current members of the Planning Development Control Committee listed in Annex 2 for the period until the Annual meeting of the Authority in June 2010, and that a Secretary of State-appointed member be appointed to fill the vacancy on this Committee.

Resources and Performance Committee

8. This Committee comprises seven members (three Secretary of State members and four local authority members). There is one local authority vacancy on the Committee at present previously filled by Lee Dunsdon who is no longer on the Authority. The remaining members of the Committee have all indicated their preference to continue with the exception of Alan Weeks.
9. John Pemberton (Secretary of State member), Jeremy Heron (Secretary of State, Parish member) and David Harrison (local authority member) have volunteered to join the Committee as replacements for Lee Dunsdon and Alan Weeks who are both local authority members. In filling the two vacancies, members are requested to ensure that the balance referred to in paragraph 4 between Secretary of State (3) and local authority (4) members is maintained. At present there are two too many Secretary of State volunteers and one too few local authority.

Recommendation 2

To appoint the members of the Resources and Performance Committee from the volunteers listed in Annex 2 for the period until the Annual meeting of the Authority in June 2010, bearing in mind the need to maintain the balance between Secretary of State (3) and local authority (4) members.

Standards Committee

10. The agreed Committee number is four members (plus two external appointments) and five deputy members. All members and deputy members of this Committee have volunteered for re-appointment and Maureen Holding has volunteered to replace Lee Dunsdon as Deputy member.

Recommendation 3

To re-appoint the remaining members of the Standards Committee listed in Annex 2 for the period until the Annual meeting of the Authority in June 2010, and appoint the new deputy member to fill the vacancy listed in Annex 2.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP PRIOR TO ANNUAL MEETING

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (4 Authority members)	PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (15 Members)	RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (7 Members)
Tony Gentle	Peter Frost	Lee Dunsdon
Bob Morris	Tony Gentle	Roger Heape
Clive Maton	Maureen Holding	Julian Johnson
Pat Wyeth	Ted Johnson	Bob Morris
	Clive Maton	John Sanger
Deputy members *	Bob Morris	Stan Wade
Lee Dunsdon	Vicky Myers	Alan Weeks
Ted Johnson	Leo Randall	
Vicky Myers	Alan Rice	
Leo Randall	Barry Rickman	
Stan Wade	John Sanger	
	Stan Wade	
	Alan Weeks	
Plus two independent members	Pat Wyeth	
	One vacancy	

* The role of Standard Committee deputies is limited to deputising as required for Standards Committee members who are Authority members and who are unable to participate in the consideration and determination of a particular complaint against a member owing to a conflict of interest or for any other reason.

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RESULTS OF MEMBERS' SURVEY ON PREFERRED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009/2010

MEMBER	STANDARDS COMMITTEE (4 National Park Authority members and 5 deputy members)	PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (15 Members)	RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (7 Members)
Clive Chatters			
Peter Frost		1	
Tony Gentle	2	1	
Roger Heape			1
Jeremy Heron			1
Maureen Holding	Deputy	1	
Julian Johnson			1
Ted Johnson	Deputy	1	
Clive Maton	2	1	
Bob Morris	3	2	1
Vicky Myers	Deputy	1	
John Pemberton			1
Leo Randall	Deputy	1	
Alan Rice		1	
Barry Rickman		1	
John Sanger		1	2
Stan Wade	Deputy	1	2
Alan Weeks		1	
Pat Wyeth	2	1	
NEW MEMBERS			
David Harrison			1
Edward Heron			
Keith Mans			

NB - shaded rows denote Secretary of State appointed members on the Authority