

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING – 6 DECEMBER 2007

REVISION OF THE AUTHORITY'S LOCAL PROTOCOLS

Report by: Kevin Gardner, Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Summary:

In the light of the adoption of the revised Members' Code of Conduct by the Authority on 13 September 2007, both of the local protocols adopted by the Authority in February 2006 (namely the "Protocol for Member and Officer Relations" and the "Local Protocol for Members and Officers dealing with Planning Matters") require updating, to reflect the contents of the revised Code.

At its meeting on 18 October 2007 the Authority's Standards Committee considered drafts of the revised protocols that had been prepared by the Monitoring Officer, and subject to a number of amendments that were agreed to be incorporated into the drafts, resolved that the revised protocols be submitted to the Authority for approval.

The revised protocols, including the Standards Committee's amendments, are accordingly attached as **Annex 1 and 2**. All proposed amendments to the version originally adopted by the Authority are highlighted by tracking, and comments have been added at the appropriate places to explain the reasoning for each.

Recommendation

That, subject to any amendments agreed at the meeting, the revised "Protocol for Member and Officer Relations" and the "Local Protocol for Members and Officers dealing with Planning Matters", be adopted by the Authority.

Resources:

Routine

Corporate Plan:

Objective A1

Papers:

NFNPA 216/07: Cover paper

NFNPA 216/07 Annex 1: Protocol for Member and Officer Relations (with draft changes shown)

NFNPA 216/07 Annex 2: Local Protocol for Members and Officers dealing with Planning Matters (with draft changes shown)

Background Papers:

NFNPA/SC 15/07 Revision of the Authority's Protocols

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