

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING – 28 FEBRUARY 2008

**HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT SUB-REGIONAL IMPROVEMENT
PARTNERSHIP: NATIONAL PARK REPRESENTATIVE ON
IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

Report by: Lindsay Cornish, Chief Executive

Summary:

On 15 June 2006 the Authority appointed Susan Achmatowicz to represent the Authority on the Improvement Board of the sub-regional Improvement Partnership.

Susan Achmatowicz is no longer able to attend these meetings and it is now necessary for the Authority to appoint a replacement to represent the Authority on the Improvement Board, until the next Annual meeting of the Authority at which all external member appointments will be reviewed.

Recommendation:

That the Authority appoint a member as its representative on the sub-regional Improvement Board for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Authority in June 2008.

Resources:

Routine.

Paper:

NFNPA 231/08: Cover paper

Background paper:

NFNPA 105/06: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sub-Regional Improvement Partnership: National Park Representative on Improvement Board

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 On 15 June 2006 the Authority appointed Susan Achmatowicz to represent the Authority on the Improvement Board of the sub-regional Improvement Partnership.
- 1.2 Susan Achmatowicz is no longer able to attend these meetings and it is now necessary for the Authority to appoint a replacement to represent the Authority on the Improvement Board.

2 Background

- 2.1 In 2006, under the aegis of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight sub regional Improvement Partnership set up a consortium bid of £1.3 million to fund action to improve the capacity of the constituent authorities in service provision and to achieve their potential in terms of customer satisfaction and effective service delivery. The bid was put together and submitted by the Improvement Board of the sub regional Improvement Partnership. This grant was subsequently awarded, and was received in two tranches in October 2006 and April 2007 by Hampshire County Council (which acts as the Improvement Partnership's 'banker').
- 2.2 The Improvement Board is in the process of submitting a further bid for funding for the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2011. The amount of the bid, which will form part of a co-ordinated bid by the South East region, has not yet been finalised but is expected to be in the region of £2 to £2.5 million. The South East's bid will be submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government in early March 2008. Allocation of the South East's funding and the funding allocations to the partners within the region (including the HIOW Improvement Partnership) will take place shortly thereafter although an exact timetable for this has not been confirmed.

2.3 The terms of reference of the Improvement Board are:

- to oversee the implementation of the Capacity Building Programme and to report annually to the full meeting of the Local Government Association;
- to champion the transformational services agenda throughout Hampshire and the Isle of Wight;
- to proactively support any authority where overall performance and improvement is felt to require assistance;
- to ensure that best practice approaches to efficiency throughout the area are shared and implemented elsewhere wherever possible; and
- to elect a champion to attend the Regional Improvement Meetings.

2.4 Meetings of the Improvement Board are held approximately once every three months. The forthcoming meeting dates for the Board are:

Tuesday 1 April 2008, 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

Friday 11 July 2008, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm

Tuesday 7 October 2008, 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

2.5 In the absence of a member representative the Chief Executive has a seat on the Board and can represent the Authority, if necessary.

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