

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING – 26 JUNE 2008

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.**
- 2 To appoint the members of the Resources and Performance Committee following a ballot on the local authority candidates.**
- 3 To re-appoint all of the current members of the Standards Committee listed in Annex 2 for a third year; plus the deputy members also listed in Annex 2.**

Resources: None

Corporate Plan: Objective A1

Paper:

NFNPA: 255/08 Cover paper
NFNPA: 255/08 Annex 1 – Current Committee Membership
NFNPA: 255/08 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 2009.
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 2 June 2008 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 (currently nine) 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**.

Planning Development Control Committee

7. The agreed Committee number is 15, 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 and there have been no new volunteers.

Recommendation 1:

To re-appoint all of the current members of the Planning Development Control Committee listed in Annex 2.

Resources and Performance Committee

8. This Committee comprises seven members (three Secretary of State members and four local authority members). There are two vacancies on the Committee following the resignation of Susan Achmatowicz and Mel Kendal. The five current members of the Committee have all indicated their preference to continue. Two appointments are needed: one Secretary of State-appointed member and one local authority-appointed member. Bob Morris has volunteered to fill the Secretary of State member vacancy. There are three volunteers for the local authority-appointed member vacancy: Tony Gentle, Stan Wade and Alan Weeks. A ballot is therefore needed to select four local authority members from the list of six volunteers.

Recommendation 2

To appoint the members of the Resources and Performance Committee following a ballot on the local authority candidates.

Standards Committee

9. The agreed Committee number is four (plus two external appointments). All members and deputy members of this Committee have volunteered for re-appointment.

Recommendation 3

To re-appoint all of the current members of the Standards Committee listed in Annex 2 for a third year; plus the deputy members also 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	Diana Halford	Maureen Holding
Pat Wyeth	Maureen Holding	Julian Johnson
	Ted Johnson	John Sanger
Deputy members *	Clive Maton	Two vacancies
Lee Dunsdon	Bob Morris	
Ted Johnson	Vicky Myers	
Vicky Myers	Leo Randall	
Leo Randall	Alan Rice	
	Barry Rickman	
Plus two independent members	John Sanger	
	Stan Wade	
	Alan Weeks	
	Pat Wyeth	

* 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 2007/2008

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