NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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AUDIT REPORT – NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS 2009-2010

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Summary

1.1 Every year, the Authority’s financial statements and arrangements to secure value for money are reviewed by the Audit Commission.

1.2 Having reviewed the Authority’s governance arrangements relating to decisions made during 2009/10, the District Auditor had concerns about governance in relation to payments enabling changes in senior staff of the Authority and therefore issued a public report attached as Annex 1.

Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to consider the Report and confirm:

2.1.1 acceptance of each of the three recommendations in the Report; and

2.1.2 any further action required in response to each of the three recommendations in the Report beyond that action already in progress and detailed in the 'comments' section of each recommendation.