

## NFNPA RAPC 331/17

### NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

### RESOURCES, AUDIT & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – 23 MARCH 2017

#### DISCOVER ENGLAND FUND – ORAL UPDATE

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#### 1 Background

- 1.1 At the last meeting of the Committee on 6 March 2017 Members considered a report on the national bid to the Discover England Fund being led by the Peak District National Park Authority. However, Members felt the proposal lacked sufficient detail to allow them to come to an informed view. A copy of the relevant paper (NFNPA RAPC 328/17) is attached as **Annex 1** for reference.
- 1.2 Members are now asked to consider the verbal update on the matter and come to a view as to whether the New Forest National Park Authority should be part of the bid.

#### 2 Recommendation

**On the basis of the further information available at the meeting, it is recommended that Members either:**

1. **authorise officers to convey to the other English national parks that the New Forest National Park Authority does not wish to be part of the national bid but to remain engaged to enable New Forest National Park circumstances to be taken into account; or**
2. **authorise officers to take whatever action is necessary in conjunction with the Peak District National Park to prepare a bid to the Discover England Fund and to delegate authority to the Chairman of the Authority and the Chairman of the Resources, Audit and Performance Committee to approve the New Forest National Park Authority's inclusion in the final bid.**

**Papers:**

NFNPA/RAPC 331/17

NFNPA/RAPC 331/17 – Annex 1- Discover England Fund (NFNPA/RAPC 328/17)

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**Equality Impact Assessment:**

If successful, the programme activities will require an equality impact assessment to be undertaken by the national programme board.