

**NFNPA 558/18**

**NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

**AUTHORITY MEETING – 11 OCTOBER 2018**

**APPOINTMENT TO VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION**

**Report by:** David Stone, Manager of Corporate Services

**1. Planning Committee vacancy**

- 1.1 At the Annual Authority meeting on 12 July 2018, Members appointed the membership of committees and appointments to external bodies for the ensuing year.
- 1.2 On 17 July 2018, Penny Jackman (New Forest District Council member) submitted her resignation from the Authority creating a vacancy on the Authority and on the Planning Committee of which she was a local authority member. On 5 September 2018, NFDC confirmed that Ann Sevier had been appointed to replace Penny Jackman on the Authority.
- 1.3 Ann Sevier has expressed an interest in the appointment on the Planning Committee and unless there are other local authority members who are interested in this appointment, it is recommended that her appointment is approved by the Authority.
- 1.4 Penny Jackman did not represent the Authority on any outside bodies so there is no need to make any external appointments.

**2. Standards Committee vacancy and appointment of Authority representative to the Hampshire Rural Forum**

- 2.1 Members will be aware of the sad news that Phil Marshall passed away on 23 September 2018 resulting in a Secretary of State vacancy on the Authority and on the Standards Committee. Defra have been advised and will fill the vacancy in their next round of member recruitment for national parks.
- 2.2 The Secretary of State vacancy on the Standards Committee will need to be filled at the Authority meeting on 11 October. As Phil was the Chairman of the Standards Committee, that Committee will also be required to appoint a Chairman at its meeting on 3 December 2018 for the remainder of the Authority year.
- 2.3 Phil Marshall was the Authority's representative on the Hampshire Rural Forum and members are asked for expressions of interest to fill this vacancy.

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That an appointment be made to fill the vacancy for a local authority member on the Planning Committee for the period up until the Annual Authority meeting in 2019 or until such earlier time as the Authority wishes to amend the membership.
2. That the Secretary of State vacancy on the Standards Committee and external representation on the Hampshire Rural Forum be filled at the Authority meeting on 11 October for the period up until the Annual Authority meeting in 2019 or until such earlier time as the Authority wishes to amend the membership and representation.

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**Equality Impact Assessment:** There are no equality or diversity implications arising directly from this report.