
NFNPA RAPC 372/18

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

RESOURCES, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – 10 SEPTEMBER 2018

NEW FOREST CENTRE – PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES AND GRANT PROPOSAL

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Summary

This report proposes a new working relationship between the National Park Authority and the Ninth Centenary Trust in relation to the New Forest Centre.

It does not propose a Memorandum of Agreement because the Trust has recently decided that any services that are provided exclusively to the NPA should be procured by the NPA from the Trust outside of a MoA. These services would otherwise have formed the main measurable outputs in a MoA.

The cost of the services provided this year is £25K. We have allocated up to £30K for the Centre in our budget for this financial year, and agreed support of £10K in each of the first two quarters (£20K in total). The remaining decision at this time is to agree the allocation of a further £5K for services provided. There is also an opportunity to provide the Trust with a £5K budget towards core costs as they transition into their new phase as New Forest Heritage Centre.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1) notes the decision of the Ninth Centenary Trust that officers should procure from the Trust specific services as and when these are needed (outside of a MoA)
- 2) recommends to the full Authority that the remainder of the £30K allocated within the 2018-19 NPA budget for the Centre is spent: £5K for services received and £5K towards core costs this financial year.

Papers

NFNPA RAPC 372/18 – Cover paper

NFNPA RAPC 372/18 - New Forest Centre – Proposals and Options

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Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no equality or diversity implications arising directly from this report.