

## **FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY MEETING REPORT**

### **Summary of the minutes of the meeting of the National Park Authority held on 15 December 2011**

*Copies of the papers referred to and the full minutes of the Authority meeting on 15 December are in the 'About Us', 'Meetings and Minutes' page on the Authority's website at [www.newforestnpa.gov.uk](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk)*

### ***Outcome of the National Park Governance Review and next stages***

Members noted the conclusions of the Government's review of the governance arrangements of the English National Parks including the amendments that were specific to the New Forest National Park and agreed proposed feedback to the Government on some of the key proposals whilst recognising that there will be further public consultation on the amendments before they came into effect in May 2013. The issues concerned the number of directly elected members to be piloted and how these should be accommodated, qualification of candidates and voters and the electoral system and type of ballot.

### ***Adoption of Design Guide as a Supplementary Planning Document***

Members fully supported the Design Guide and formally adopted it as a Supplementary Planning Document to be material in the consideration of planning decisions within the National Park.

### ***New Forest Centre Agreement***

The NPA approved a new agreement between the Ninth Centenary Trust and the NPA for the running of the New Forest Centre from 2012 to 2015 and granted funding for the Centre for each of these years at £50,000 a year, the same level as had been provided in 2010/11 and 2011/12.

### ***Mosaic Project Update***

Members were updated on progress with the Mosaic Project by the Mosaic Project Officer and met two Community Champions for Southampton who reported on their experiences working as Community Champions in promoting the benefits of the New Forest to ethnic minority communities in Southampton.

### ***Income Generation – use of logo***

The NPA was advised that the Authority's logo was now fully registered as a trademark with the Intellectual Property Office and were updated on possible income generating opportunities for the Authority through the licensing of the use of the logo. Members authorised officers to negotiate as opportunities arose with third parties the use of the Authority's logo as a potential source of income for the NPA whilst always ensuring that any negotiations were conducted in accordance with the law and any statutory constraints.