

NEW FOREST CONSULTATIVE PANEL

Meeting to be held at 7.30 pm on **THURSDAY, 5 JANUARY 2012** in the Louisa Suite at the Lyndhurst Park Hotel, Lyndhurst

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Panel Members are reminded to send their apologies if they are unable to attend meetings before midday on the day of the meeting by contacting the New Forest National Park Authority office: Debbie Copping, Tel: 01590 646665, Fax: 01590 646648, or E-mail: debbie.copping@newforestnpa.gov.uk - thank you.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** (3 November 2011)

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- (a) Minute 3.2 – NPA to report back on progress re. Environment Agency attendance at Panel meetings and Quadrant meetings

4. **INDEPENDENT PANEL ON FORESTRY – NEW FOREST VISIT ON 28 FEBRUARY 2012**

Attached to the agenda is a letter from the Independent Panel on Forestry requesting that the New Forest Consultative Panel take the lead in co-ordinating the local arrangements for a visit by the Independent Panel on 28 February 2012, the details of which are set out in the letter.

At the Consultative Panel meeting, the Chairman will:

- recommend that the Panel appoint a working group to prepare the draft itinerary for submission to the Independent Panel by the week commencing 23 January 2012;
- invite Consultative Panel members to submit proposals for the site visits to the working group via the Secretariat; and

5. **FORESTRY COMMISSION ITEMS**

- Feedback on Consultative Panel Tour
- Latchmore HLS scheme: to update the Panel following a public site meeting to view proposals.

6. **TASK AND FINISH GROUP ON FUTURE ROLE OF THE NEW FOREST CONSULTATIVE PANEL**

Members will receive a verbal update from the above Working Group which met on 16 December 2011. Key actions which the Group agreed to recommend back to the Panel are:

Standing of the Panel

The group agreed that the Minister should be requested to issue a statement formally endorsing the value, role and purposes of the Panel and to write to all Section 62 statutory bodies requesting them to fully engage and consult the Panel in all work which was likely to impact on the New Forest including all draft policies, plans and consultation documents. These would be referred to the Panel for consideration which would then decide which matters would require further consideration and response either by the Panel as a whole or a more detailed and considered response by a task and finish working group via the Panel to the body concerned.

Process

- The level of debate by Panel Members would be enhanced if specific issues were assigned to task and finish working groups for discussion and report back to the Panel.
- A short précis of significant issues or presentations made to the Panel should be incorporated into the agenda to afford Panel Members an opportunity to raise and discuss these issues with their appointing bodies and receive input from them ahead of the Panel meeting. Where considered appropriate, a matter should be re-submitted to the next meeting of the Panel so that members can revert back to their appointing bodies for direction on any issues requiring further consideration.
- A working group of the Panel would meet at the beginning of the year to agree a schedule of agenda items for inclusion into Panel agendas during the year, this would then be disseminated to Panel members so that they are aware of forthcoming issues.
- The Panel noted that the above approach would require a new way of working for Panel Members and an increased level of debate and participation in discussions.

7. NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY MEETINGS

Report from the Authority Meeting on 15 December 2011

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NB – It would greatly assist the minuting of matters raised under Any Other Business if members could give the Panel Secretariat early notification of items they intend to raise. Please forward details of the item you wish to raise to Jo Murphy, Tel: 01590 646653, E-mail: jo.murphy@newforestnpa.gov.uk or Fax: 01590 646666. Alternatively, if the matter is urgent, it may still be raised at the meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT PANEL MEETING

7.30 pm on **Thursday 1 March 2011** in the Louisa Suite, Lyndhurst Park Hotel, Lyndhurst.