AM 569-20

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING – 15 OCTOBER 2020

APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Report by: David Stone, Manager of Corporate Services

Summary:

This report asks Members to consider appointments to external organisations for the period until the next Annual meeting of the Authority in 2021. A list of organisations and current representatives is set out at **Annex 1** of the report, together with a column (at the **far right of the table**) showing the results of a survey of Members' preferences for the appointments.

Recommendations:

To approve the appointments to external organisations for the period up to the Annual meeting of the Authority in 2021 on the following basis:

- a) to re-appoint to all those appointments for which there is no change or the correct number of volunteers have come forward (as listed in Annex 1 to this report);
- b) to hold a ballot for those appointments in respect of which too many volunteers have come forward; and
- c) to seek and appoint volunteers to represent the NPA on those organisations in respect of which no or insufficient volunteers have come forward.

INTRODUCTION

- 1. This report asks Members to consider appointments to external organisations for the period until the next Annual meeting of the Authority in 2021.
- 2. Since 2005 the Authority has been invited to, or has sought representation on, a number of organisations and partnerships. Some of these focus on specific National Park activities and functions. Others are linked to local authority business or regional fora, and some are decision-making bodies and others are consultative fora.
- 3. In order to facilitate the process of appointing external representatives at the Annual Authority meeting, the Corporate Services Manager wrote to Members on 4 August inviting them to state their preferred choices by completing and returning a preference form.
- 4. All Members representing the Authority's interests on external organisations are encouraged to contact the relevant lead officer to establish which issues need to be reported back to other Members and officers, and how, with the assistance of the relevant lead officer, this might best be achieved. Any issues arising from these external contacts which require Authority consideration will form part of a report compiled by the relevant lead officer with input from the relevant Member.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS

- 5. A schedule listing all the current appointments is attached as **Annex 1**, together with a **right hand column** setting out Members' preferences for the appointments. In many cases, Members opted to continue with their current appointments, or else the correct number of Member volunteers came forward, and it is recommended that these appointments be confirmed as per the schedule.
- 6. In respect of some appointments, too many volunteers have come forward and Members are asked to hold a ballot for those appointments highlighted in yellow on **Annex 1** (currently there are no appointments where too many volunteers have come forward)
- 7. Members are also asked to seek and appoint volunteers to represent the NPA to those organisations in respect of which no or insufficient volunteers have come forward and which are highlighted in blue on **Annex 1**

Recommendations:

To approve the appointments to external organisations for the period up to the Annual meeting of the Authority in 2021, or until such earlier time as the NPA wishes to amend the representation, on the following basis:

- a) to re-appoint to all those appointments for which there is no change or the correct number of volunteers have come forward (as listed in Annex 1 to this report);
- to hold a ballot for those appointments in respect of which too many volunteers have come forward; and
- to seek and appoint volunteers to represent the NPA on those organisations in respect of which no or insufficient volunteers have come forward.

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Papers:

AM 569/20: Cover paper

AM 569/20: Annex 1: Authority representation on external organisations

Equality Impact Assessment: There are no equality or diversity implications arising directly

from this report.

AM 569-20 Annex 1

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Please note:

- 1. Shaded rows indicate where the representative is Chairman of the Authority
- 2. Yellow shows where too many volunteers have come forward requiring a ballot to be held and blue shows where no or insufficient volunteers have come forward and further volunteers are needed.

Group	Status	2019/20 Member Representative(s)	Lead Officer	Member preference
Bournemouth International Airport Consultative Committee	Representation	Neville Penman Oliver Crosthwaite- Eyre (reserve)	David Illsley	Neville Penman Z.(reserve)
Building Design Awards Panel	Decision making	Leo Randall George Bisson Gordon Bailey Patrick Heneghan Richard Taylor	David Illsley	1. Leo Randall 2. George Bisson 3. Patrick Heneghan 4. Richard Taylor 5. Steve Trow
Campaign for National Parks	Representation	David Bence Neville Penman (reserve)	Alison Barnes	Steve Trow 2.David Bence (reserve)
Commoners' Dwelling Scheme Panel	Advisory	John Sanger Richard Taylor (reserve)	Claire Ings	John Sanger Richard Taylor (reserve)
Cycle Working Group	Representation	Richard Taylor David Harrison (reserve)	Nigel Matthews	1.Richard Taylor 2. David Harrison (reserve)
Equine Forum – member liaison	Liaison NOT representation	Harry Oram	Steve Avery	Ann Sevier
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association	Mainly representation; occasional decision making	David Bence Edward Heron (reserve)	Chief Executive	1.David Bence 2.Edward Heron (reserve)
Forest Farming Group	Representation	David Bence	Paul Walton	David Bence
Hampshire Rural Forum	Representation	Harry Oram Oliver Crosthwaite- Eyre (reserve)	Paul Walton	1.Sue Bennison 2. Neville Penman (reserve)

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Hampshire Home Hub	Representation	David Harrison	Holger Schiller	David Harrison
Lymington-Brockenhurst Community Rail Partnership	Representation/ Vice Chair	Richard Taylor	Nigel Matthews	Richard Taylor
National Parks UK and NP England	Director; Decision making	Chairman (with Chief Executive)	Chief Executive	Chairman with Chief Executive
New Forest Business Partnership	Representation	Mel Kendal Sue Bennison (reserve)	Paul Walton	Alexis McEvoy Sue Bennison (reserve)
New Forest Court of Verderers	Representation and decision making	Edward Heron	Chief Executive	Edward Heron
New Forest Local Access Forum	Representation	Leo Randall Richard Taylor (reserve)	Nigel Matthews	Richard Taylor Leo Randall (reserve)
Director, New Forest Marque	Decision making	John Sanger	Paul Walton	John Sanger
Our Past, Our Future Landscape Partnership Scheme Board	Representation	Patrick Heneghan	Rachael Gallagher	Patrick Heneghan Victoria Mander (reserve)
Partnership for South Hampshire	Representation	Chairman (with Chief Executive)	Chief Executive	Chairman with Chief Executive
Pedall Inclusive Cycling Trustee Board	Representation	David Harrison	Andy Brennan	David Harrison
Pedall Inclusive Cycling Programme Board	Representation	Patrick Heneghan	Jim Mitchell	Patrick Heneghan
RMS Steering Group	Decision making	Patrick Heneghan	Nigel Matthews	Patrick Heneghan Richard Taylor (Reserve)
RMS Advisory Group		Richard Taylor		Richard Taylor
Solent Forum	Representation	David Bence	Ian Barker	Victoria Mander
Solent Leaders Forum	Representation	Chairman (with Chief Executive)	Chief Executive	Chairman with Chief Executive
Chairman, Sustainable Communities Fund Panel	Decision making	John Sanger	Fiona Wynn	John Sanger