

AM 577/20

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING – 10 DECEMBER 2020

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

Report by: Rosalind Alderman (Solicitor and Monitoring Officer) & David Stone (Corporate Services Manager)

Summary:

1. In accordance with Section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011, the Authority is required to appoint one or more independent person(s) whose input and advice are to be sought and taken into account during an investigation of an allegation of Member misconduct – the four year appointments of the two current Independent Persons has now come to an end.
2. In terms of the Act, the independent person(s) must be recruited through public advertisement and completion of an application. Officers duly advertised these two positions during October with a number of high quality applications being received.
3. Following a shortlisting and interview process, two candidates (Vanessa Sharp and Peter Power) have been recommended for appointment as the Authority's Independent Persons.
4. It is proposed that the above candidates be appointed as Independent Persons for a four year term commencing on 11 December 2020 and that approval is given for the continued payment of an annual allowance of £141.72 per person per year (index-linked in the same way as allowances payable under the Members' Scheme of Allowances), plus expenses.

Recommended that Vanessa Sharp and Peter Power be appointed as the Authority's Independent Persons in accordance with s28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 for a four year term commencing on 11 December 2020 and that approval is given for the continued payment of an annual allowance of £141.72 per person per year (index-linked in the same way as allowances payable under the Members' Scheme of Allowances), plus expenses.

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