

AM 608-21

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING – 21 OCTOBER 2021

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 2022. 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 2022 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 2022.
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 6 September 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 one appointment, too many volunteers have come forward and Members are asked to hold a ballot for this appointment (highlighted in **yellow** on **Annex 1**).
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** (*currently there are no appointments where insufficient volunteers have come forward*).

Recommendations:

To approve the appointments to external organisations for the period up to the Annual meeting of the Authority in 2022, 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);**
- 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.**

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Papers:

AM 608-21: Cover paper
AM 608-21: Annex 1: Authority representation on external organisations

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

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Annex 1**

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AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

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 (*currently there are no appointments where insufficient volunteers have come forward*).

Group	Status	2020/21 Member Representative(s)	Lead Officer	Member preference
Bournemouth International Airport Consultative Committee	Representation	1. Neville Penman 2. Ann Sevier (reserve)	David Illsley	1. Neville Penman 2. John Sanger
Building Design Awards Panel	Decision making	1. Caroline Rackham 2. George Bisson 3. Steve Trow 4. Patrick Heneghan 5. Richard Taylor	David Illsley	1. Steve Trow 2. Gordon Bailey 3. Caroline Rackham 4. George Bisson 5. Richard Taylor
Campaign for National Parks	Representation	1. Steve Trow 2. David Bence (reserve)	Alison Barnes	1. Steve Trow 2. Victoria Mander
Commoners' Dwelling Scheme Panel	Advisory	1. John Sanger 2. Richard Taylor (reserve)	Claire Ings	1. John Sanger 2. Richard Taylor (reserve)
Cycle Working Group	Representation	1. Richard Taylor 2. David Harrison (reserve)	Jim Michell	1. Richard Taylor 2. David Harrison (reserve)
Equine Forum – member liaison	Liaison NOT representation	Ann Sevier	Steve Avery	Ann Sevier
Farming in Protected Landscapes Assessment Panel	Decision Making	John Sanger	Paul Walton	John Sanger
Forest Farming Group	Representation	David Bence	Alison Barnes/Paul Walton	David Bence
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association	Mainly representation; occasional decision making	1. David Bence 2. Neville Penman (reserve)	Chief Executive	1. Neville Penman. 2. David Bence (reserve)
Hampshire Rural Forum	Representation	1. Sue Bennison 2. Neville Penman (reserve)	Paul Walton	1. Sue Bennison 2. Neville Penman (reserve)

Group	Status	2019/20 Member Representative(s)	Lead Officer	Member preference
Hampshire Home Hub	Representation	David Harrison	Holger Schiller	Neville Penman
Legacy landscape partnership board (formally Our Past, Our Future – landscape partnership scheme board)	Representation	Patrick Heneghan	Hilary Makin	Patrick Heneghan
Lymington-Brockenhurst Community Rail Partnership	Representation/ Vice Chair	Richard Taylor	Aynsley Clinton	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	1. Alexis McEvoy 2. Sue Bennison (Res.)	Paul Walton	Alexis McEvoy
New Forest Court of Verderers	Representation and decision making	John Sanger	Chief Executive	Ann Sevier Sue Bennison
New Forest Local Access Forum	Representation	1. Richard Taylor 2. Caroline Rackham (reserve)	Adam Vasey	1. Richard Taylor 2. Caroline Rackham (reserve)
Director, New Forest Marque	Decision making	John Sanger	Paul Walton	John Sanger
Partnership for South Hampshire	Representation	1. Chairman 2. Dep Chairman	Alison Barnes/Steve Avery	1. Chairman 2. Dep Chairman
Pedall Inclusive Cycling Trustee Board	Representation	David Harrison	Jim Mitchell	David Harrison
Pedall Inclusive Cycling Programme Board		Patrick Heneghan		Patrick Heneghan
RMS Steering Group	Decision making	1. Patrick Heneghan 2. Richard Taylor (Reserve)	Steve Avery	1. Patrick Heneghan 2. Richard Taylor (Reserve)
RMS Advisory Group		Richard Taylor		Richard Taylor
Solent Forum	Representation	Victoria Mander	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 Wynne	John Sanger