

AM 633-22

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING – 20 OCTOBER 2022

APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES

Report by: David Stone, Manager of Corporate Services

Summary:

In accordance with its Standing Orders, the Authority is required to appoint its committees at its Annual Meetings. The current membership of the Planning Committee, Resources, Audit and Performance Committee and the Standards Committee is listed in the schedule attached as **Annex 1**. Members' preferred Committee choices are attached as **Annex 2**.

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In accordance with the Standing Orders, the Authority is required to re-appoint the membership of its committees at the Annual Meeting. Accordingly, the membership of the Planning Committee, the Resources, Audit and Performance Committee and the Standards Committee must be approved for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Authority in 2023. In determining the membership and composition of any committee, sub-committee, panel or other group, the Standing Orders require that due regard shall be had to the overall composition of the Authority in terms of the balance between local authority and Secretary of State appointments (Article 4, Part 2 of the 2005 Establishment Order and Articles 13(3) and (4) of Schedule 7 of the Environment Act 1995). The current membership of the Authority is 12 local authority and 10 Secretary of State members (this latter group comprising 6 members appointed by the Secretary of State and 4 Parish members) - Secretary of State-appointed members are identified in **Annex 2** by shading. ***In practical terms, this means that each Committee must comprise one more local authority member than the number of Secretary of State members.***
- 1.2 The membership of the three Committees prior to this Annual meeting of the Authority is listed in the schedule at **Annex 1**.
- 1.3 In order to facilitate the process of appointing the membership of the committees at the Annual Authority meeting, the Corporate Services Manager wrote to members on 9 September inviting them to state their preferred choice for committee membership by completing and returning a committee preference form. **Annex 2** sets out the results of this survey in terms of meeting the membership requirement of the Committees.

2. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The Planning Committee at present comprises 13 members: 7 local authority appointed members and 6 Secretary of State members (there is currently one local authority vacancy on this Committee). Following members' responses, 7 local authority appointees and 6 Secretary of State members have volunteered for membership of the Committee. This means the committee has sufficient members.

Recommendation 1:

To appoint the membership of the Planning Committee as set out in Annex 2 (7 local authority members and 6 Secretary of State members) for the period until the Annual meeting of the Authority in 2023 or until such earlier time as the NPA wishes to amend the membership.

3. RESOURCES, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

3.1 Currently, this Committee comprises 11 members: 6 local authority appointed members and 5 Secretary of State members. Following members' responses, 6 local authority members and 5 Secretary of State members have volunteered for membership of the Committee. This means that the Committee has sufficient members.

Recommendation 2:

To appoint the membership of the Resources, Audit and Performance Committee as set out in Annex 2 (6 local authority members and 5 Secretary of State members) for the period until the Annual meeting of the Authority in 2023 or until such earlier time as the NPA wishes to amend the membership.

4. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4.1 At present, this Committee comprises 5 members: 3 local authority and 2 Secretary of State members. Following receipt of members' preferences, 5 volunteers (3 local authority members and 2 Secretary of State members) have volunteered for membership of the Committee. This means that the Committee has sufficient members.

Recommendation 3:

To appoint the membership of the Standards Committee as set out in Annex 2 (3 local authority members and 2 Secretary of State members) for the period until the Annual meeting of the Authority in 2023 or until such earlier time as the NPA wishes to amend the membership.

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Papers:
AM 633-22 Cover paper
AM 633-22 Annex 1: Current Committee membership
AM 633-22 Annex 2: Results of members' committee preference

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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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP PRIOR TO ANNUAL MEETING IN OCTOBER 2022

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (5 Authority members)	PLANNING COMMITTEE (13 Members)	RESOURCES, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (11 Members)
George Bisson (Secretary of State Member)	Gordon Bailey (Local Authority Member)	Gordon Bailey (Local Authority Member)
Zoe Clewer (Local Authority Member)	Sue Bennison (Local Authority Member)	David Bence (Secretary of State Member)
Victoria Mander (Secretary of State Member)	George Bisson (Secretary of State Member)	Sue Bennison (Local Authority Member)
Ann Sevier (Local Authority Member)	Richard Clewer (Local Authority Member)	Patrick Heneghan (Secretary of State Member)
Michael Thierry (Local Authority Member)	David Harrison (Local Authority Member)	Victoria Mander (Secretary of State Member)
	Gavin Parker (Secretary of State Member)	Alexis McEvoy (Local Authority Member)
	John Sanger (Secretary of State Member)	George Meyrick (Secretary of State Member)
	Ann Sevier (Local Authority Member)	Neville Penman (Local Authority Member)
	Stephen Tarling (Secretary of State Member)	John Sanger (Secretary of State Member)
	Richard Taylor (Secretary of State Member)	Ann Sevier (Local Authority Member)
	Michael Thierry (Local Authority Member)	Caroline Rackham (Local Authority Member)
	Steve Trow (Secretary of State Member)	
	1 X Vacancy Local Authority Member	

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RESULTS OF MEMBERS' PREFERRED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022/2023

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (5 Members)	PLANNING COMMITTEE (13 Members)	RESOURCES, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (11 Members)
Diane Andrews (Local Authority Member)	Diane Andrews (Local Authority Member)	Gordon Bailey (Local Authority Member)
George Bisson (SoS Member)	Gordon Bailey (Local Authority Member)	David Bence (SoS Member)
Zoe Clewer (Local Authority Member)	Sue Bennison (Local Authority Member)	Sue Bennison (Local Authority Member)
Ann Sevier (Local Authority Member)	George Bisson (SoS Member)	Patrick Heneghan (SoS Member)
Steve Trow (SoS Member)	Richard Clewer (Local Authority Member)	Victoria Mander (SoS Member)
	David Harrison (Local Authority Member)	Alexis McEvoy (Local Authority Member)
	Gavin Parker (SoS Member)	George Meyrick (SoS Member)
	John Sanger (SoS Member)	Neville Penman (Local Authority Member)
	Ann Sevier (Local Authority Member)	Caroline Rackham (Local Authority Member)
	Stephen Tarling (SoS Member)	John Sanger (SoS Member)
	Richard Taylor (SoS Member)	Ann Sevier (Local Authority Member)
	Michael Thierry (Local Authority Member)	
	Steve Trow (SoS Member)	