

**AM 652/23**

**NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

**AUTHORITY MEETING – 13 JULY 2023**

**APPOINTMENTS TO VACANCIES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Report by:** David Stone, Manager of Corporate Services

**Summary:**

1. Members will be aware from the previous report that there have been some changes to the Authority's membership following the local elections on 4 May 2023. In addition to vacancies on Committees, there are also a number of vacancies on the NPA's representation on outside bodies.
2. With the agreement of the Chair, it is felt that these vacancies should be held over until appointments to all outside bodies are considered and reviewed at the Annual Authority meeting on 19 October 2023, giving all new and existing members the opportunity to put themselves forward for these appointments.
3. Should there be a need to send a representative to a meeting of an outside body in the period before the Annual Authority meeting, it will be possible for the deputy or reserve to attend in the place of the unfilled representative role. Where this is not possible, the Authority's is asked to endorse the attendance of the Chair or Deputy Chair instead.

**Recommendation:**

**That**

**(i) the filling of the vacant appointments to external bodies be held over until the Authority meeting on 19 October 2023; and**

**(ii) where a vacancy has arisen in respect of the Authority's appointments to outside bodies and it is not possible for a deputy or reserve to attend a meeting of that body, that the Chair or Deputy Chair be authorised to attend.**

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