

**AM 662/23**

## **NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

### **AUTHORITY MEETING – 19 OCTOBER 2023**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

**Report by:** Vicki Gibbon, Member Services Administrator

#### **Summary:**

This report asks Members to consider appointments to external organisations for the period until the next Annual meeting of the Authority in 2024. 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 2024 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 2024.
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 Member Services Administrator wrote to Members on 24 August inviting them to state their preferred choices by completing and returning a preference form.
4. In the spirit of Team New Forest, 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**.
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 2024, 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 662/23:**

Cover paper

**AM 662/23: 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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**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 (*currently there are no appointments where too many volunteers have come forward*) 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	2022/23 Member Representative(s)	Lead Officer	Member preference
Bournemouth International Airport Consultative Committee	Representation	1. Neville Penman 2. George Meyrick (reserve)	David Illsley	1. Neville Penman 2. George Meyrick (reserve)
Building Design Awards Panel	Decision making	1. Steve Trow 2. Gordon Bailey 3. Caroline Rackham 4. George Bisson 5. Richard Taylor	David Illsley	1. Brice Stratford 2. Gordon Bailey 3. Mary Davies 4. Steve Trow 5. Stephen Tarling
Campaign for National Parks	Representation	1. Steve Trow 2. Victoria Mander (reserve)	Alison Barnes	1. Brice Stratford 2. Victoria Mander (reserve)
Commoners' Dwelling Scheme Panel	Advisory	1. John Sanger 2. Richard Taylor (reserve)		1. Derek Tipp 2. Ann Sevier (reserve)
Cycle Working Group	Representation	1. Richard Taylor 2. David Harrison (reserve)	Jim Mitchell	1. Patrick Heneghan 2. Steve Trow (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	Ann Sevier
Forest Farming Group	Representation	David Bence	Paul Walton	David Bence
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association	Mainly representation; occasional decision making	1. Neville Penman. 2. David Bence (reserve)	Chief Executive	1. Neville Penman 2. Joe Reilly (reserve)
Hampshire Rural Forum	Representation	1. Diane Andrews 2. Sue Bennison (reserve)	Paul Walton	1. Derek Tipp 2. Ann Sevier (reserve)

Group	Status	2022/23 Member Representative(s)	Lead Officer	Member preference
Legacy landscape partnership board (formerly our past our future – landscape partnership scheme board)	Representation	Patrick Heneghan	Hilary Makin	Victoria Mander
Lymington-Brockenhurst Community Rail Partnership	Representation/ Vice Chair	Richard Taylor	Aynsley Clinton	Joe Reilly
National Parks UK and NP England	Director; Decision making	Chair (with Chief Executive)	Chief Executive	Chair with Chief Executive
New Forest Business Partnership	Representation	1. Sue Bennison 2. (reserve)	Paul Walton	1. Michael Thierry 2. Derek Tipp (reserve)
New Forest Court of Verderers	Representation and decision making	Ann Sevier	Chief Executive	Ann Sevier
New Forest Local Access Forum	Representation	1. Richard Taylor 2. Caroline Rackham (reserve)	Adam Vasey	1. Caroline Rackham 2. Brice Stratford (reserve)
Director, New Forest Marque	Decision making	John Sanger	Paul Walton	Keith Mans
Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Committee	Representation	1. Chair 2. Dep Chair	Alison Barnes / Steve Avery	1. Chair 2. Planning Committee Chair
Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny	Representation	Chair	Alison Barnes / Steve Avery	Chair
Pedall Inclusive Cycling Trustee Board	Representation	Steve Trow	Jim Mitchell	Steve Trow
Pedall Inclusive Cycling Programme Board	Representation	Patrick Heneghan	Jim Mitchell	Patrick Heneghan
RMS Steering Group	Decision making	1. Patrick Heneghan 2. Richard Taylor (Reserve)	Steve Avery	1. Gavin Parker 2. Brice Stratford (Reserve)
RMS Advisory Group		Richard Taylor		Brice Stratford
Solent Forum	Representation	George Bisson	Ian Barker	1. Dan Poole 2. Stephen Tarling (Reserve)
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership Limited	Representation	Gavin Parker	Alison Barnes	David Bence
Solent Leaders Forum	Representation	Chair (with Chief Executive)	Chief Executive	Chair with Chief Executive
Chairman, Sustainable Communities Fund Panel	Decision making	John Sanger	Fiona Wynne	Mary Davies

Group	Status	2022/23 Member Representative(s)	Lead Officer	Member preference
Youth for Climate and Nature Partnership Board Chair	Decision Making	N/A	Fiona Wynne	Brice Stratford

Member	Member Representative(s)	Lead Officer
Health and Safety	Patrick Heneghan	Steve Avery
Equality and Diversity		Nigel Stone