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NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING – 6 July 2023

Member Social Media Policy

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report asks the Committee to consider and if thought appropriate to recommend to the full Authority for adoption the attached draft social media policy (**Annex 1**), subject to any amendments agreed at the meeting.
- 1.2 Members should be aware when using social media that they may be found to be acting in their public capacity as an Authority member, in which case the Code of Conduct would apply to their actions. Members must therefore take care in using social media, both to protect themselves and to protect the Authority, and the attached draft policy should assist Members in this in setting out some guidelines for safe and appropriate social media use.
- 1.3 The draft policy is based upon and conforms closely with the social media policy for staff members.

2 Recommendation

That:

1. **The Committee considers the drafts Member Social Media Policy, attached as Annex 1 to this report, and if considered appropriate recommend it to the Authority for adoption, subject to any amendments agreed at the meeting.**

Papers: Annex 1 – Member Social Media Policy