

**AM 695/24**

## **NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

### **AUTHORITY MEETING – 17 OCTOBER 2024**

#### **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 2025. 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 2025 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 2025.
- 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 2 September 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 2025, 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 695/23:**

Cover paper

**AM 695/23: 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	2023/24 Member Representative(s)	Lead Officer	2024/25 Members Representative(s)
National Parks UK and NP England	Director; Decision making	Chair (with Chief Executive)	Chief Executive	Chair with Chief Executive Deputy Chair (reserve)
Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Committee	Representation	1. Chair 2. Dep Chair	Alison Barnes / David Illsley	1. Chair 2. Planning Committee Chair 3. Deputy Chair (reserve)
Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny	Representation	Chair	Alison Barnes / David Illsley	Deputy Chair
Solent Partners	Representation	David Bence	Alison Barnes	David Bence
Solent Leaders Forum	Representation	Chair (with Chief Executive)	Chief Executive	Chair with Chief Executive Deputy Chair (reserve)
Bournemouth International Airport Consultative Committee	Representation	1. Neville Penman 2. George Meyrick (reserve)	David Illsley	1. Neville Penman 2. (reserve)
Building Design Awards Panel	Decision making	1. Brice Stratford 2. Gordon Bailey 3. Mary Davies 4. Steve Trow 5.	David Illsley	1. Mary Davies 2. Brice Stratford 3. David Harrison 4. Ann Sevier 5. Steve Trow
Campaign for National Parks	Representation	1. Brice Stratford 2. Victoria Mander (reserve)	Alison Barnes	1. Brice Stratford 2. (reserve)
Commoners' Dwelling Scheme Panel	Advisory	1. Derek Tipp 2. Ann Sevier (reserve)		1. Derek Tipp 2. Ann Sevier (reserve)

Group	Status	2023/24 Member Representative(s)	Lead Officer	2024/25 Members Representative(s)
Cycle Working Group	Representation	1. Patrick Heneghan 2. Steve Trow (reserve)	Jim Mitchell	
Equine Forum – member liaison	Liaison NOT representation	Ann Sevier	Steve Avery	Ann Sevier
Farming in Protected Landscapes Assessment Panel	Decision Making	Ann Sevier	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. Joe Reilly (reserve)	Chief Executive	1. David Harrison 2. Neville Penman (reserve)
Hampshire Rural Forum	Representation	1. Derek Tipp 2. Ann Sevier (reserve)	Paul Walton	1. Derek Tipp 2. Ann Sevier (reserve)
Legacy landscape partnership board / Species Survival Fund Partnership Board	Representation	Victoria Mander	Fiona Wynne	Victoria Mander
Lymington-Brockenhurst Community Rail Partnership	Representation/ Vice Chair	Joe Reilly	Aynsley Clinton	Joe Reilly
New Forest Business Partnership	Representation	1. Michael Thierry 2. Derek Tipp (reserve)	Paul Walton	1. Mary Davies 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. Caroline Rackham 2. Brice Stratford (reserve)	Adam Vasey	1. Caroline Rackham 2. Brice Stratford (reserve)
Director, New Forest Marque	Decision making	Keith Mans	Paul Walton	Brice Stratford Mary Davies (reserve)
Pedall Inclusive Cycling Trustee Board	Representation	Steve Trow	Jim Mitchell	Steve Trow
Pedall Inclusive Cycling Programme Board	Representation	Patrick Heneghan	Jim Mitchell	Joe Reilly
RMS Steering Group	Decision making	1. Gavin Parker 2. Brice Stratford (Reserve)	Steve Avery	1. Brice Stratford 2. (reserve)
RMS Advisory Group		Brice Stratford		
Solent Forum	Representation	1. Dan Poole 2. (Reserve)	Ian Barker	1. Barry Dunning

Group	Status	2023/24 Member Representative(s)	Lead Officer	2024/25 Members Representative(s)
Chair, Sustainable Communities Fund Panel	Decision making	Mary Davies	Fiona Wynne	Mary Davies
Youth for Climate and Nature Partnership Board Chair	Decision Making	Brice Stratford	Fiona Wynne	Brice Stratford

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