

To: All members of the New Forest National Park Authority

Date: 19 March 2025

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2025

A meeting of the New Forest National Park Authority will be held on **Thursday 27 March 2025 at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Lymington Town Hall, Lymington SO41 9ZG.**

Please note that the Part I meeting will be live streamed and video recorded.

Part I of the meeting will be open to the Press and public.



Alison Barnes
Chief Executive/National Park Officer

AGENDA PART I

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of interest**
Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in relation to items on the agenda for this meeting. (NB. When verbally declaring interests, members are also asked to complete the Disclosure of Interests at Meetings form).
3. **Chair's announcements**
4. **Minutes** - to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Authority meeting held on 23 January 2025.
5. **Public Question Time**
The Chair will allow members of the public to ask questions make statements or present a petition on any matter on the agenda for this meeting or on any matter that falls within the Authority's powers, subject to the procedures set out in Schedule 3 to the Authority's Standing Orders.
Any member of the public who wishes to address the meeting under this item should notify Vicki Gibbon (contact details at the end of this agenda) **not less than two clear working days before the commencement of the meeting (i.e. by 5.00 pm on the Monday preceding the meeting)**, and indicate in what capacity he or she would like to speak, together with a contact telephone number.
6. **External Auditor's Annual Report 2023/24 (AM 707/25)**
7. **Chief Executive's Report (AM 708/25)**

This key report summarises progress of delivery of our National Park purposes and duty since the preceding Authority meeting. This is delivered through the Business Plan / Work Programme overarching themes of:

- Re:New Climate – Net Zero with Nature
- Re:New Nature – Nature Recovery
- Re:New People – An Inclusive National Park
- Re:New Place – Thriving Forest

- Re:New Partnership – Team New Forest
- Re:New Organisation – Achieving Excellence

8. **Oral Report from Resources, Audit and Performance Committee – 3 February 2025 and 3 March 2025**
9. **Draft Work Programme 2025/26** (AM 709/25)
10. **Draft General Fund Budget for the Financial Year 2025/26, Treasury Management Strategy and Medium-Term Financial Plan** (AM 710/25)
11. **Amendments to Authority Documents – Scheme of Delegations** (AM 711/25)
12. **Appointments to Committees and External Representation** (AM 712/25)
13. **Proposals for a Mayoral Combined County Authority for Hampshire** (AM 713/25)
14. **Date of next meeting** – Thursday 24 July 2025 at 10.00 am – Council Chamber, Lymington Town Hall, Lymington, SO41 9ZG

PART II ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ON THE GROUNDS THAT EXEMPTED INFORMATION MAYBE DISCLOSED

Members are asked to resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during this item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 and Paragraph 5, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, namely the need to avoid disclosing sensitive information relating to the Authority's financial and business affairs.

15. **Oral update on Vernon Dene**

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Membership: John Adams, Gordon Bailey, David Bence (Chair), Richard Clewer, Zoe Clewer, Mary Davies, Barry Dunning, David Harrison, Patrick Heneghan, Mel Kendal, Victoria Mander (Deputy Chair), Keith Mans, George Meyrick, Gavin Parker, Caroline Rackham, Joe Reilly, Ann Sevier, Brice Stratford, Michael Thierry, Derek Tipp, Steve Trow and Malcolm Wade.

Details of the decisions taken at this meeting will be circulated in the formal minutes which the Authority will be asked to approve as a correct record at its next meeting.

For further information on any of the reports for this meeting, details of decisions taken, or future meetings, please contact Vicki Gibbon.

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