

AM 748/26

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING – 15 OCTOBER 2026

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 2027. 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 2027 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 2027.
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 26 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 2027, 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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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 Chair of the Authority
2. **Yellow** shows where too many volunteers have come forward requiring a ballot to be held and **blue** shows where no or insufficient volunteers have come forward and further volunteers are needed

Group	Status	2025/26 Members Representative(s)	Lead Officer	2026/27 Members Preference
National Parks UK and NP England	Director; Decision making	Chair with Chief Executive Deputy Chair (reserve)	Chief Executive	Chair with Chief Executive Deputy Chair (reserve)
Partnership Plan Leaders Panel	Decision making	Chair with Chief Executive Deputy Chair (reserve)	Chief Executive	Chair with Chief Executive Deputy Chair (reserve)
Emerging Mayoral Combined Strategic Authority	Decision making	Chair with Chief Executive Deputy Chair (reserve)	Chief Executive	Chair with Chief Executive Deputy Chair (reserve)
Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Committee	Representation	1. Chair 2. Planning Committee Chair 3. Deputy Chair (reserve)	Alison Barnes / David Illsley	1. Chair 2. Planning Committee Chair 3. Deputy Chair (reserve)
Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny	Representation	Deputy Chair	Alison Barnes / David Illsley	Deputy Chair
Solent Partners	Representation	Chair	Alison Barnes	Chair
Solent Freeport	Representation	Chair Deputy Chair (reserve)	Chief Executive	Chair Deputy Chair (reserve)
Solent Leaders Forum	Representation	Chair with Chief Executive Deputy Chair (reserve)	Chief Executive	Chair with Chief Executive Deputy Chair (reserve)
Hampshire and Solent Combined County Authority Planning Advisory Board	Representation	Chair of Planning Committee	Chief Executive	Chair of Planning Committee
Bournemouth International Airport Consultative Committee	Representation	1. John Adams 2. (reserve)	David Illsley	1. John Adams

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				2. Derek Tipp / Martin Eyre / Fran Carpenter
Building Design Awards Panel	Decision making	1. Mary Davies 2. Brice Stratford 3. Ann Sevier 4. Steve Trow 5. Caroline Rackham	David Illsley	1. Mary Davies 2. Ann Sevier 3. Caroline Rackham 4. Steve Trow ? 5. Brice Stratford
Campaign for National Parks	Representation	1. Brice Stratford 2. James W-O (reserve)	Alison Barnes	1. James W-O 2. Martin Eyre (Reserve)
Commoners' Dwelling Scheme Panel (No Planning Members)	Advisory	1. Derek Tipp 2. Victoria Mander		1. Derek Tipp 2. Victoria Mander (Reserve)
Cycle Working Group	Representation	1. Zoe Clewer 2. Ella Mason (reserve)	Jim Mitchell	1. Zoe Clewer TBC 2. Martin Eyre
Farming in Protected Landscapes Assessment Panel	Decision Making	Ann Sevier	Paul Walton	1. Ann Sevier 2. James W-O (reserve)
Forest Farming Group	Representation	1. Mary Davies 2. Brice Stratford	Paul Walton	1. Mary Davies 2. Brice Stratford (Reserve)
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association	Mainly representation; occasional decision making	1. Derek Tipp 2. Brice Stratford (reserve)	Chief Executive	1. Derek Tipp 2. Jack Davies (Reserve)
Legacy landscape partnership board / Species Survival Fund Partnership Board	Representation	Victoria Mander	Fiona Wynne	1. Adarsh Parekh 2. James W-O (Reserve)
New Forest Business Partnership	Representation	1. Mary Davies 2. Brice Stratford (reserve)	Paul Walton	1. Fran Carpenter 2. Ella Mason (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. Ann Sevier (reserve)	Adam Vasey	1. Caroline Rackham 2. Ann Sevier (Reserve)
Director, New Forest Marque	Decision making	1. Adarsh Parekh 2. Mary Davies (reserve)	Paul Walton	1. TBC 2. Adarsh Parekh (reserve)
Pedall Inclusive Cycling Trustee Board	Representation	Joe Reilly	Shelly Filby	Joe Reilly
Pedall Inclusive Cycling Project Board	Representation	1. Steve Trow 2. Joe Reilly (reserve)	Shelly Filby	1. Adarsh Parekh 2. Martin Eyre (reserve)
Solent Forum	Representation	1. John Adams	Ian Barker	1. John Adams
Sustainable Communities Fund Panel	Decision Making	Mary Davies	Fiona Wynne	Victoria Mander / TBC

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Youth for Climate and Nature Partnership Board	Representation and decision making	James W-O	Fiona Wynne	James W-O
Equality and Diversity	Representation and Decision Making	Brice Stratford	Nigel Stone	Brice Stratford
Health and Safety Forum Member	Representation and Decision Making	David Harrison	Nigel Stone	David Harrison