AM 751/26

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
AUTHORITY MEETING – 27 NOVEMBER 2026

EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS 2025/26

Report by: Simon Mathers and Rumana Rafiq Ullah - Ernst & Young LLP, External Auditors to the Authority

1 Summary

1.1 This report sets out the latest position on the audit of our 2025/26 Accounts, required to be completed by end of January 2027, containing two reports from our external auditors Ernst & Young LLP – they will be attending the meeting to discuss these reports directly. The corresponding Financial Report (including our Annual Governance Statement) 2025/26 is on the agenda as the next item (AM 752/26).

2 External Audit Reports

2.1 **Annex 1** contains the Audit Results Report 2025/26 from our external auditors Ernst & Young LLP.

2.2 **Annex 2** contains the Auditors Annual Report from our external auditors Ernst & Young LLP.

2.3 Ernst & Young will be attending the Authority meeting to provide the key points, latest updates on these documents and/or the ongoing audit process.

3 Recommendation

That the two audit reports, listed as Annexes 1 and 2, be accepted by the Authority.

Papers:
AM 751/26 – Financial Report and External Audit Reports 2025/26 Cover Paper
AM 751/26 – Annex 1, Audit Results Report 2025/26 ONLINE ONLY
AM 751/26 – Annex 2, Auditors Annual Report 2025/26 ONLINE ONLY

Equality and Diversity Implications:
There are no specific equality or diversity implications arising out of this report.

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