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NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING – 16 OCTOBER 2025

APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES

Report by: David Stone, Corporate Services Manager, Vicki Gibbon, Member Services Administrator

Summary:

In accordance with its Standing Orders, the Authority is required to appoint its committees at its Annual Meetings. The current membership of the Planning Committee, Resources, Audit and Performance Committee and the Standards Committee is listed in the schedule attached as **Annex 1**. Members' preferred Committee choices are attached as **Annex 2**.

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In accordance with the Standing Orders, the Authority is required to re-appoint the membership of its committees at the Annual Meeting. Accordingly, the membership of the Planning Committee, the Resources, Audit and Performance Committee and the Standards Committee must be approved for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Authority in 2026. In determining the membership and composition of any committee, sub-committee, panel or other group, the Standing Orders require that due regard shall be had to the overall composition of the Authority in terms of the balance between local authority and Secretary of State appointments (Article 4, Part 2 of the 2005 Establishment Order and Articles 13(3) and (4) of Schedule 7 of the Environment Act 1995). The current membership of the Authority is 12 local authority and 10 Secretary of State members (this latter group comprising 6 members appointed by the Secretary of State and 4 Parish members) - Secretary of State-appointed members are identified in **Annex 2** by shading. ***In practical terms, this means that each Committee must comprise one more local authority member than the number of Secretary of State members.***
- 1.2 The membership of the three Committees prior to this Annual meeting of the Authority is listed in the schedule at **Annex 1**.
- 1.3 In order to facilitate the process of appointing the membership of the committees at the Annual Authority meeting, the Member Services Administrator wrote to members on 2 September inviting them to state their preferred choice for committee membership by completing and returning a committee preference form. **Annex 2** sets out the results of this survey in terms of meeting the membership requirement of the Committees.

2. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The Planning Committee at present comprises 11 members: 6 local authority appointed members and 5 Secretary of State members. Following members' responses, 5 local authority appointees and 5 Secretary of State members have volunteered for membership of the Committee. This means the committee requires one further local authority member.

Recommendation 1:

To appoint the membership of the Planning Committee as agreed at the Authority meeting (6 local authority members and 5 Secretary of State members) for the period until the Annual meeting of the Authority in 2026 or until such earlier time as the NPA wishes to amend the membership.

3. RESOURCES, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

3.1 Currently, this Committee comprises 11 members: 6 local authority appointed members and 5 Secretary of State members. Following members' responses, 6 local authority members and 6 Secretary of State members have volunteered for membership of the Committee. This means that the Committee has one too many Secretary of State Volunteers.

Recommendation 2:

To appoint the membership of the Resources, Audit and Performance Committee as set out in Annex 2 (6 local authority members and 5 Secretary of State members) for the period until the Annual meeting of the Authority in 2026 or until such earlier time as the NPA wishes to amend the membership.

4. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4.1 At present, this Committee comprises 7 members: 4 local authority and 3 Secretary of State members. Following receipt of members' preferences, 7 volunteers (4 local authority members and 3 Secretary of State members) have volunteered for membership of the Committee. This means that the Committee has the required number of members.

Recommendation 3:

To appoint the membership of the Standards Committee as set out in Annex 2 (4 local authority members and 3 Secretary of State members) for the period until the Annual meeting of the Authority in 2026 or until such earlier time as the NPA wishes to amend the membership.

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AM 724/25 Annex 1:

Current Committee membership

AM 724/25 Annex 2:

Results of members' committee preference

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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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP PRIOR TO ANNUAL MEETING IN OCTOBER 2025

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (7 Members)	PLANNING COMMITTEE (11 Members)	RESOURCES, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (11 Members)
Zoe Clewer (LA)	Richard Clewer (LA)	Gordon Bailey (LA)
Barry Dunning (LA)	Mary Davies (SoS)	David Bence (SoS)
Mel Kendal (LA)	Barry Dunning (LA)	Mary Davies (SoS)
Victoria Mander (SoS)	Caroline Rackham (LA)	Barry Dunning (LA)
Ann Sevier (SoS)	Joe Reilly (LA)	David Harrison (LA)
Brice Stratford (SoS)	Ann Sevier (SoS)	Victoria Mander (SoS)
Derek Tipp (LA)	Brice Stratford (SoS)	Joe Reilly (LA)
	Michael Thierry (LA)	Ann Sevier (SoS)
	Derek Tipp (LA)	Brice Stratford (SoS)
	Steve Trow (SoS)	Derek Tipp (LA)
	1 X SoS Vacancy	Malcolm Wade (LA)

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RESULTS OF MEMBERS' PREFERRED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025/2026

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (7 Members)	PLANNING COMMITTEE (11 Members)	RESOURCES, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (11 Members)
Zoe Clewer (LA)	John Adams (SoS)	John Adams (SoS)
Mel Kendal (LA)	Richard Clewer (LA)	Gordon Bailey (LA)
Caroline Rackham (LA)	Mary Davies (SoS)	Mary Davies (SoS)
Ann Sevier (SoS)	Barry Dunning (LA)	David Harrison (LA)
Brice Stratford (SoS)	Caroline Rackham (LA)	Victoria Mander (SoS)
Derek Tipp (LA)	Joe Reilly (LA)	Keith Mans (LA)
James Wyler-Owen (SoS)	Ann Sevier (SoS)	Adarsh Parekh (SoS)
	Brice Stratford (SoS)	Joe Reilly (LA)
	Michael Theirry (LA)	Ann Sevier (SoS)
	Steve Trow (SoS)	Brice Stratford (SoS)
	Vacancy LA Member	Derek Tipp (LA)
		Malcolm Wade (LA)
		One too many SoS members