

AM 725/25

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING – 16 OCTOBER 2025

APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Report by: David Stone, Corporate Services Manager

Summary:

This report asks Members to consider appointments to external organisations for the period until the next Annual meeting of the Authority in 2026. 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 2026 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 2026.
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 2026, 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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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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AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

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	2024/25 Members Representative(s)	Lead Officer	2025/26 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 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 Leaders Forum	Representation	Chair with Chief Executive Deputy Chair (reserve)	Chief Executive	Chair with Chief Executive Deputy Chair (reserve)
Partnership Plan Leaders' Panel.	Representation and decision making		Alison Barnes	Chair
Emerging Strategy, Mayoral Authority.	Representation and decision making		Alison Barnes	Chair
Solent Freeport.	Representation and decision making		Alison Barnes	Chair
Bournemouth International Airport Consultative Committee	Representation	1. George Meyrick 2. Neville Penman (reserve)	David Illsley	1. John Adams 2. Keith Mans

Group	Status	2024/25 Members Representative(s)	Lead Officer	2025/26 Members Preference
Building Design Awards Panel	Decision making	1. Mary Davies 2. Brice Stratford 3. David Harrison 4. Ann Sevier 5. Steve Trow	David Illsley	1. Mary Davies 2. Steve Trow 3. Ann Sevier 4. Brice Stratford 5. Vacancy
Campaign for National Parks	Representation	1. Brice Stratford 2. Caroline Rackham (reserve)	Alison Barnes	1. Brice Stratford 2. James W-O (reserve)
Commoners' Dwelling Scheme Panel (No Planning Members)	Advisory	1. Derek Tipp 2. Ann Sevier (reserve)		1. Derek Tipp 2. Vacancy
Cycle Working Group	Representation	1. Zoe Clewer 2. Patrick Heneghan (reserve)	Jim Mitchell	1. Zoe Clewer 2. Vacancy
Farming in Protected Landscapes Assessment Panel	Decision Making	Ann Sevier	Paul Walton	Ann Sevier
Forest Farming Group	Representation	David Bence	Paul Walton	Mary Davies Brice Stratford George Meyrick
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association	Mainly representation; occasional decision making	1. David Harrison 2. Neville Penman (reserve)	Chief Executive	1. Derek Tipp 2. Brice Stratford
Legacy landscape partnership board / Species Survival Fund Partnership Board	Representation	Victoria Mander	Fiona Wynne	Victoria Mander
New Forest Business Partnership	Representation	1. Mary Davies 2. Derek Tipp (reserve)	Paul Walton	1. Mary Davies 2. Derek Tipp 3. Brice Stratford 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. Ann Sevier
Director, New Forest Marque	Decision making	Brice Stratford Mary Davies (reserve)	Paul Walton	1. Brice Stratford 2. Mary Davies (reserve)
Pedall Inclusive Cycling Trustee Board	Representation	Steve Trow	Shelly Filby	Joe Reilly

Group	Status	2024/25 Members Representative(s)	Lead Officer	2025/26 Members Preference
Pedall Inclusive Cycling Programme Board	Representation	1. Patrick Heneghan 2. Joe Reilly (reserve)	Shelly Filby	1. Steve Trow 2. Joe Reilly (reserve)
RMS Steering Group	Decision making	1. Brice Stratford 2. Ann Sevier (reserve)		1. Brice Stratford 2. Ann Sevier (reserve)
RMS Advisory Group		Ann Sevier		Ann Sevier
Solent Forum	Representation	1. Barry Dunning	Ian Barker	Vacancy
Sustainable Communities Fund Panel	Decision Making	Mary Davies	Fiona Wynne	Mary Davies
Youth for Climate and Nature Partnership Board	Representation and decision making		Fiona Wynne	James W-O
Equality and Diversity	Representation and decision making		Nigel Stone	Brice Stratford
Health and Safety Forum – member	Representation and decision making		Nigel Stone	David Harrison