

To: All members of the New Forest National Park Authority

Date: 8 October 2025

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2025

A meeting of the New Forest National Park Authority will be held on **Thursday 16 October 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. **Election of Chair and Deputy Chair of the New Forest National Park Authority**
An election will take place to fill both positions until the Annual Authority meeting in 2026.
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **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).
4. **Chair's announcements**
5. **Minutes** - to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Authority meeting held on 28 August 2025.
6. **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.
7. **External Auditor's Annual Results Report 2024/25 (AM 721/25)**
8. **Draft Financial Report 2024/25 (AM 722/25)**
9. **Chief Executive's Report (AM 723/25)**

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

10. **Oral Report from Resources, Audit and Performance Committee – 8 September 2025**
11. **Appointment of Committees** (*AM 724/25*)
12. **Election of Chair and Deputy Chair on Authority Committees**
Elections will take place to determine the Chair and Deputy Chair on all Authority Committees; Planning Committee, Resources, Audit and Performance Committee and Standards Committee until the Annual Authority meeting in 2026. All members will vote on these positions.
13. **Appointments of Authority Representatives on External Organisations** (*AM 725/25*)
14. **Youth Board Report** (*AM 726/25*)
15. **New Forest National Park Local Plan Review – Regulation 18 Part 2 consultation** (*AM 727/25*)
16. **New Forest Local Cycling and Walking Plan** (*AM 728/25*)
17. **Date of next meeting** – Thursday 29 January 2026 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 MAY BE DISCLOSED

None.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Membership: John Adams, Gordon Bailey, Richard Clewer, Zoe Clewer, Mary Davies, Barry Dunning, David Harrison, Mel Kendal, Victoria Mander, Keith Mans, Ella Mason, George Meyrick, Adarsh Parekh, Caroline Rackham, Joe Reilly, Ann Sevier, Brice Stratford, Michael Thierry, Derek Tipp, Steve Trow, Malcolm Wade and James Wylor-Owen.

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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