

National Park Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 4



Appointment of Board Member to Local Access Forum

Paper for decision

1. Purpose

To appoint a Board Member to the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Local Access Forum.

2. Introduction

The National Park Authority is obliged in terms of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 to establish a Local Access Forum. The Local Access Forum is an advisory group made up of those with an access and/or land management interest. It advises the National Park Authority and others in respect to access matters.

Every three years, membership of the Local Access Forum is reviewed. Historically two Members have sat on this Forum however following a restructuring the Forum is being reduced from 20 to 13, and the Board complement has been lowered accordingly to one.

Members were asked on Tuesday 4th February to submit expressions of interest in representing the Board on the Local Access Forum. These expressions of interest are to be returned by 4pm on Wednesday 12th February and accompanied by a written statement. Confirmation of interested Members and their written statements will be circulated to the Board on the afternoon of Friday 14th February.

In the event that only one Member stands for appointment to the Local Access Forum, the Board will be asked to appoint that Member to the Forum. In the event of more than one Member standing for appointment to the Forum, the successful candidate will be determined by secret ballot.

3. Recommendation

That Members **note** the foregoing information, and proceed to **appoint** a Member to the Local Access Forum via the process outlined above.

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