

National Park Authority Board Meeting

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Planning & Access Committee Membership



Paper for decision

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Standing Orders for the Planning and Access Committee allow for a membership of up to twelve members. The quorum is five members. Currently the membership of the committee is eleven, following Angus Allan moving to Audit Committee, with membership reducing to eight from 1st October given the change in the Local Authority Members. The election of a Depute Chair will take place at the December Board meeting.
- 1.2 The Committee meets on a Monday at the end of each month, provided there is committee business and is expected to have a number of cases for determination during the autumn. To ensure that the meetings remain quorate and with an expectation of regular committee business, and potentially a hearing, it is considered important to move quickly to agree new interim members following the arrival of new Local Authority Members.
- 1.3 As well as the Planning and Access Committee there are a number of roles/ vacancies resulting from the change to the Board membership. The December Board meeting will consider the membership of the various Committees and groups of the Board, for agreement by the Board.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 New members are invited to volunteer to become an interim member of the Planning & Access Committee, particularly those with experience of planning; although training will be given.
- 2.2 Members are asked to delegate to the Convener, Chair of the Planning and Access Committee and Head of Rural Development and Planning the approval of any volunteers becoming interim members of the Planning and Access committee with effect from October 2017.

3. Background

- 3.1 Following the Local Authority elections earlier this year, there is a change in Local Authority Members on the Board. Three of the Committee members, including the Depute Chair, are Local Authority members and therefore replacement members need to be agreed for the Committee.
- 3.2 Due to the need to ensure a quorum at each meeting this is time pressing given the expected workload of the Committee which meets monthly. This will be an interim

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measure and committee membership will be reviewed as part of the overall review of committee and governance structure and the anticipated change to Board membership as terms come to an end over the coming months.

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