

National Park Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 10

Depute Convener and Chair of Planning and Access Committee



Paper for decision

1. Introduction

To appoint Members of the Park Authority Board to the vacant roles of Depute Convener and Chair of the Planning Committee.

2. Recommendation

Members are asked to approve the continuation of the appointments of Willie Nisbet in the role of Depute Convener and Petra Biberbach as Chair to the Planning and Access Committee, in accordance with the terms of the revised Standing Orders.

3. Contribution to National Park Partnership Plan

Ratification of the decision to extend the relevant appointments of the Depute Convener and Chair of the Planning Committee delivers the organisational processes that underpin all Outcomes and Priorities of the National Park Partnership Plan 2018-23.

4. Background

4.1 Members will be aware that in April 2018 the Convener wrote to you highlighting that the terms of appointment for Willie Nisbet, as Depute Convener, and Petra Biberbach, as Chair of the Planning and Access Committee, had come to an end on 15th March 2018. Appendix 1 provides the paper that was issued to members by the Convener under the terms of Standing Order 46 to approve that Willie Nisbet as Depute Convener; and Petra Biberbach as Chair to the Planning and Access Committee continue in place from 15th March 2018 until 14th June 2018. This was approved by members.

4.2 Despite this regrettable oversight, and following legal advice that was emailed to Board members, it was concluded that the decision already made by the Planning and Access Committee on 26th March remained valid, and that the approval of the minute at the Access Committee on 30th April further confirmed it.

4.3 The vacant positions of Depute Convener and Chair of the Planning Committee have arisen following these positions coming to an end on 14th June 2018 in line with the approval of the recommendation made within the paper at Appendix 1.

4.4 In accordance with paragraph 18 of the Park Authority Standing Orders of 26th October 2015 the procedure for the appointment of Depute Conveners and Chairs is set out in the Board's Standing Orders.

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4.5 Members will have considered the revised SOs as part of an earlier Agenda Item. If members have approved that Item, then the revised Standing Orders deal inter alia with the appointment to these roles, and the term of these appointments. Where that item has been approved Members are asked to continue with the appointment of Willie Nisbet in the role of Depute Convener and Petra Biberbach as Chair to the Planning and Access Committee, in accordance with the terms of the revised Standing Orders.

5. Conclusion

5.1 The revision to the Standing Orders, being considered earlier on in the Agenda, aims to address the issue of the terms of appointment for office bearers. Bearing in mind the changes that will occur or may occur in terms of Board membership over the next few months this recommendation aims to address the short-term implications for these roles and role holders.

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