



Committee Membership Update

Agenda Item 7

National Park Authority Board Meeting

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1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of this agenda item is to update our committee and group membership following the recent appointment to the Board of a new Member following the departure of one of the Local Authority nominees from Argyll & Bute Council.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. To **approve** the appointment of Cllr Mark Irvine to the Planning & Access Committee, with immediate effect until the next scheduled re-appointment process (December 2026).

3. Contribution to National Park Partnership Plan and/or Our Corporate Plan

3.1. Ensuring that Board governance positions are filled in line with the relevant processes and that there is appropriate membership of committees/groups which allows them to function effectively supports good governance which underpins all Outcomes and Priorities of the National Park Partnership Plan and Our Corporate Plan 2025-2030.

4. Background

- 4.1. Appointments to all Board committees and groups was last undertaken and approved at the December 2024 Board Meeting on a two-year basis, due for re-appointment at the December 2026 Board Meeting.
- 4.2. Following the departure of Cllr William Sinclair from the Board, vacant spaces were created on the Planning and Access Committee and Audit and Risk Committee.
- 4.3. Cllr Mark Irvine was appointed to the Board in February 2026 following nomination by Argyll & Bute Council.
- 4.4. Membership of the Planning and Access Committee is considered the best fit for Cllr Irvine's experience and availability.
- 4.5. The Planning and Access Committee is already carrying one vacancy in membership and it has therefore been prioritised. It is deemed possible for the Audit and Risk Committee to carry one vacancy in membership until the next scheduled re-appointment meeting in December 2026.

5. Risks

- 5.1. There is an organisational governance risk associated with failing to ensure that committee and groups have appropriate membership arrangements which allow them to function effectively.

6. Next steps

- 6.1. Committee and Group meeting invitations will be updated to reflect the new membership
- 6.2. Committee Membership and leadership positions will be revisited at the December 2026 Board Meeting following a nomination period and opportunity for Members to express committee and group preferences.

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