

**AGENDA ITEM No. 8**

PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY MEETING

25 MAY 2007

CORPORATE RESOURCES

PART A

**1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT EAST MIDLANDS AND EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY – APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES (A.9361/A.1155/RC)**

**Proposal**

1 This report recommends the Authority to appoint a Member and a substitute Member as the Authority's representatives on Local Government East Midlands and the East Midlands Regional Assembly.

**2 RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **That a Member and a substitute Member be appointed to Local Government East Midlands and the East Midlands Regional Assembly.**
2. **That attendance at meetings be an approved duty for the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.**

**Policy/Legal Background**

3 The Authority has one representative and a substitute on Local Government East Midlands and the East Midlands Regional Assembly. The appointments are made annually.

4 The constitution of these bodies requires that any representatives from local authorities must be serving elected Councillors.

**Key Issues**

5 Details of the Authority's appointments for the next year have been requested by 25 May so it is not possible to include these in the usual annual report on the appointments to outside bodies.

6 Cllr Taylor, who is now no longer a Member of the Authority due to the reduction in numbers, was appointed last year with Cllr Wilkinson as the substitute Member.

7 The Association meets 4 times a year with the Annual Meeting being held on 26 June 2007. The Regional Assembly meets 3 times a year.

8 At the Authority meeting held on 30 March Member representation on the East Midlands Regional Assembly was given a high assessment to continue Member involvement.

9 The Authority's involvement in outside bodies, such as this, will be reviewed as part of the review of partnerships against the Partnerships Protocol agreed at the Audit & Performance Committee meeting held on 27 April 2007. An assessment of the need for continued Member involvement will use the methodology explained in the report to the Authority meeting on 30 March (Review of Membership on Outside Bodies).

## **APPENDIX**

### **Background**

1. No further information required.

### **Resources**

2. The Regional Assembly pays the travel and subsistence allowances for attendance at Assembly Meetings. Attendance at meetings of the Local Government East Midlands is an approved duty for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances under the Members' Allowances Scheme.

### **Risk Management**

3. There are no risks arising out of the proposals.

### **Human Rights, Equalities, Health & Safety**

4. There are no issues arising out of the proposal.

### **Consultees**

5. The Director of Corporate Resources and the Democratic Services Manager have both been consulted on this report.

### **Enclosures**

6. None.

### **List of Background Papers** (not previously published)

7. Letter dated 3 May 2007 from Local Government East Midlands with supporting information.

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### **Publication date**

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