5. ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITIES' WORKSHOP 2008 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES (A.9560/EWJ)

Proposal

1. This report requests the Authority to consider the appointment of Members to attend this year's Association of National Park Authorities' Workshop.

2. **RECOMMENDATION:**

   1. That two Members be appointed to attend the Association of National Park Authorities Workshop at Tewkesbury on 23rd th- 25th April 2008.

   2. That attendance at the Workshop be an approved duty for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances.

   3. That the Chair of the Authority be authorised to agree the attendance of substitute delegates if necessary.

Policy/Legal Background

3. Each year the Association of National Park Authorities holds a Workshop for National Park Authority Members and Officers. The themes chosen are current topics that are relevant to all authorities that can provide an opportunity for discussion and sharing of ideas and best practice.

Key Issues

4. The Workshop will be held on 23rd th to 25th April 2008 at the Tewkesbury Park Hotel Tewksbury. The theme is "Beyond awareness-delivering National Park purposes through education and interpretation". The detailed programme and delegate's costs have not yet been finalised.

5. Last year two Members were appointed to attend the Workshop which was held in Newcastle at a cost of £410 per delegate including hotel accommodation.

6. The last day of the Workshop is the same day as a meeting of the Audit and Performance Committee.

APPENDIX

Background

1.   See main report

Resources

2..   Members' attendance, including the delegate's fees, travel and subsistence allowances will be paid from the Members' allowances budgets.

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 proposals.

Consultees

5.   None necessary.

Enclosures

6.   None.

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

7.   None.

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