

5. **NATIONAL PARKS CONFERENCE 2008: APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES (EWJ/A.1118)**

Proposal

1 To appoint the Authority's delegates to attend the Association of National Park Authorities (ANPA) National Parks Conference to be held in Windermere in September 2008.

2 **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **That the Chair of the Authority and four other Members be appointed to attend the ANPA National Parks Conference on 17th -19th September 2008 with attendance as an approved duty.**
2. **That the Chair of the Authority be authorised to appoint substitute delegates if necessary.**

Policy/Legal Background

3 The ANPA conference is hosted each year by one of the National Park Authorities. This year it is being hosted by the Lake District National Park Authority at the Low Wood Hotel Windermere on the 17th – 19th September. The Authority is usually represented at the conference each year by the Chair of the Authority and other Member and officer delegates.

4 The Chair of the Authority usually attends because of the need for senior political level representation. Priority has then been given to a) new Members; b) Members who have not attended before; c) Members who have not been for many years.

Key Issues

5 The theme of the conference is "Inspirational Landscapes, Aspirational Communities".

- Celebrating the relationship between landscapes, the communities that shape them and the businesses that contribute to their prosperity; and
- Exploring and understanding the complex challenges and opportunities facing all National Park Authorities in aspiring to a sustainable economic future.

6 As well as the usual conference sessions there will be a choice of study tours linked to the conference theme.

7 The full residential delegate's fee is £495 + VAT. The rate for a delegate's partner is £200 + VAT. This fee is payable by the delegate.

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Background

1 See main report.

Resources

2 The delegate's fees and any travelling and subsistence allowances will be met from the Members' budget as usual.

Risk Management

3 There are no risks arising out of the proposal.

Human Rights, Equalities, Health & Safety

4 There are no issues that arise out of the proposal.

Consultees

5 The Chief Executive has been consulted on the proposal.

Enclosures

6 None

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

7 Conference Programme

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