8. MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ROLES - VACANCIES (A111/EWJ)

Purpose of the report

1 To appoint Members to fill the vacancies that have arisen in the Members Representative roles following recent changes to the membership of the Authority.

Recommendations

- 2 That appointments be made for the following Member Representative roles until the Authority meeting in October 2009.
 - 1. Asset Management
 - 2. Tourism
 - 3. Economy

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

3 The member representatives roles cover each of the National Park Management Plan outcomes.

Background

- 4 At the Authority meeting on 3 October 2008 (Minute 79/08) Member Representatives were appointed for each of the National Park Management Plan outcomes that included Tourism and the Economy. An appointment was also made for Asset Management. The appointments expire at the Authority meeting in October 2009.
- 5 It was agreed that the appointment of Member Representatives should be considered against the following criteria:
 - The role should be 'task focussed' linked to a specific clear strategic and cross cutting priority with a clear indication as to the role that the Member is expected to play
 - The role should be seen as a Member liaison/contact and external stakeholder role only and should not include any remit for involvement in the specific 'delivery' of the Authority's services
 - The role should be time limited ceasing when the task has been completed and should not qualify for the payment of an Allowance

Proposals

6 It is proposed that Members be appointed to fill these vacancies until October 2009 when the Member Representative roles and appointments will be considered for a further year.

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

7 Financial:

The duties carried out by Member Representatives will qualify for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances which are funded out of the Members Allowance budget.

8 **Risk Management:**

The roles address the risks of:

- Failure to use Members' skills and knowledge to support achievement of the National Park Management Plan and the National Park Authority's priorities
- Failure to develop and facilitate the external facing role of Members

9 **Background papers** (not previously published) – None

Appendices - None

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