

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR (RC)

1. Purpose of the report

To elect the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority

Key Issues

- **In accordance with the Authority decision to establish a Member Appointment Process Panel, the Panel invited all Members to indicate whether they wish to stand for appointment to the role of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority.**
- **The Panel has received two expressions of interest for the role of Chair of the Authority and one for the role of Deputy Chair.**
- **Further nominations may be received at the meeting.**

2. Recommendations

- 1. To appoint a Member as Chair of the Authority until the Annual Meeting in 2023.**
- 2. To appoint a Member as Deputy Chair of the Authority until the Annual Meeting in 2023.**

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

3. Under the National Park Authorities (England) Order 1996 (“the 1996 Order”) the Authority is required to elect a Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority at each Annual meeting. The term of office will be until the next Annual meeting in 2023.
4. Standing Order 1.4(1) states: “The Authority shall at its Annual Meeting elect a Chair and Deputy Chair who shall continue in office until immediately after the election of the Chair and Deputy Chair at the next Annual Meeting unless they resign their respective office, or resign their membership of the Authority.”

Background Information

5. All Members have been contacted individually to ask if they intended to stand for appointment as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority. At the time of writing the report 2 expressions of interest had been received for the role of Chair of the Authority, (Cllr D Chapman and Cllr A McCloy) and 1 for the role of Deputy Chair of the Authority, (Mr J Berresford). The expressions of interest by Cllr Chapman and Mr Berresford comply with the appointment principles agreed by the Authority in May 2020 (Minute No 34/20). In his expression of interest Cllr McCloy stated that although he has served for 4 continuous terms he wishes to stand for a further year only to affect a smooth transition for the organisation ahead of a new Chief Executive beginning in the Autumn, as well as 2 new Committee Chairs taking office in July and the Member Appointment Process Panel agreed this would be an acceptable exception to the appointment principles.
6. The Authority’s Standing Orders no longer state that the elections of the Authority Chair and Deputy Chair shall normally be such that one of the offices shall be held by a Council Member and the other office held by a Secretary of State National or Parish Member.

7. Before voting on the appointment of Chair of the Authority, the meeting will be asked if there are any further expressions of interest. If no further Members are nominated and both candidates are proposed and seconded voting on the appointment of Chair will be by a ballot.
8. Following appointment, the Chair will proceed to the appointment of the Deputy Chair. Before voting on the appointment of Deputy Chair, the Chair will ask the meeting whether there are any further expressions of interest. If there are no further nominations, and the candidate is proposed and seconded, voting can be by a show of hands. If there are any further expressions of interest and more than one candidate is proposed and seconded then voting will need to be by a ballot.

Proposals

9. It is proposed that the elections be made in accordance with the 1996 Order and Standing Orders taking into consideration the agreed appointment principles.

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

Financial:

10. Although a special responsibility allowance is paid to the Chair and Deputy Chair these costs are included in the 2022/23 budget so the appointments do not incur any additional cost to the Authority.

Risk Management:

11. There are no apparent risks. Members have the opportunity to seek appointments to all the available positions.

Sustainability:

12. No issues.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion:

13. All Members have the opportunity to seek appointments to all the available positions.

14. Climate Change

No issues.

15. Background papers (not previously published)

None.

16. Appendices

None.

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