

Agenda Item 13
Report NPA30/18

Report to	South Downs National Park Authority
Date	16 October 2018
By	Head of Governance
Title of Report (Decision)	Appointment of Deputy Chair(s) of Policy and Resources Committee

Recommendation: The Authority is recommended to:

- 1. Agree, in accordance with the Authority's Standing Order 8.3, that the Policy and Resources Committee may appoint up to two Deputy Chairs of the Committee for the period up to the first meeting of the Committee following the Authority AGM in 2019; and**
- 2. Agree that, within this period, a review be undertaken with regard to the number of deputy chairs for the Policy and Resources Committee and, if appropriate, a recommendation be made to the Authority in advance of, or at, the Authority AGM in 2019.**

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting on 19 July 2018, the Policy and Resources Committee (P&RC) resolved to defer the appointment of a Deputy Chair until its November meeting and to recommend that the Authority determine that two Deputy Chairs may be appointed to the P&RC.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval from the NPA for the P&RC to appoint up to 2 Deputy Chairs and agree that the number of deputy chairs for the P&RC be reviewed and, if appropriate, a further decision be taken in relation to the number of deputy chairs for the committee in advance of, or at, the AGM in 2019.
- 1.3 The Committee has operated with two deputy chairs since its establishment in 2017. The Governance review, which resulted in the establishment of the committee, concluded that having two deputy chairs would help ensure that the responsibilities held by the then Governance Committee and Policy and Performance Committee were integrated into the work programme of the new committee.

2. Policy Context.

- 2.1 Deputy Chairs attend briefing meetings and provide input into the development of the committee's agenda and review draft papers and recommendations in advance of committee meetings. They also attend the informal Committee Chairs and SMT meetings.

3. Issues for consideration

- 3.1 The original rationale for the appointment of up to 2 deputy chairs was to take into account the wider remit of the P&RC than its two predecessor committees, which now covers the majority of the work of the Authority (outside of that which is the responsibility of the Planning Committee). There have been no significant changes to the remit of the committee over the last 12 months.

4. Options & cost implications

- 4.1 A review of members allowances, following the 2017 governance review did introduce a

small allowance for the position of deputy chair, however this would not take effect whilst there were two deputy chairs in post

5. Next steps

- 5.1 Depending upon the decision by the NPA, the P&RC will seek to appoint a Deputy Chair or Deputy Chairs at its November meeting.

6. Other Implications

Implication	Yes*/No
Will further decisions be required by another committee/full authority?	Yes – P&RC will need to make the appropriate number of appointments at its next available meeting and, subject to the review findings, a further decision on the appointment of deputy chairs will be taken by the Authority in advance of or at its AGM in 2019
Does the proposal raise any Resource implications?	No. A small allowance has been agreed for the position of deputy chair of P&RC, however this will not be payable whilst two deputy chairs are appointed
How does the proposal represent Value for Money?	The proposal helps support good governance and effective decision making, which contributes to ensuring value for money
Are there any Social Value implications arising from the proposal?	No
Have you taken regard of the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equality Act 2010?	There are no equalities implications arising from this proposal, the position of deputy chair is available to all members of the P&RC and appropriate steps will be taken to support any member who is appointed to this position, should such assistance be required.
Are there any Human Rights implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Crime & Disorder implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Health & Safety implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Data Protection implications?	None
Are there any Sustainability implications based on the 5 principles set out in the SDNPA Sustainability Strategy.	This proposal supports principle 5 – promoting good governance

7. Risks Associated with the Proposed Decision

- 7.1 There are no significant risks associated with this proposal

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Appendices	None
SDNPA Consultees	Chief Executive; Director of Countryside Policy and Management; Monitoring Officer;
External Consultees	None
Background Documents	Standing Orders

