

Report to	<b>South Downs National Park Authority</b>
Date	<b>19 December 2017</b>
By	<b>Head of Governance</b>
Title of Report	<b>Appointment of Committees and Outside Bodies</b>

**Recommendation:**

**The Authority is recommended to appoint Roger Huxstep to the SDNPA Planning Committee with effect from 19 December 2017.**

**1. Summary and Background**

- 1.1 Responsibility for appointing members to Committee sits with the NPA. Standing orders require that should a vacancy arise on a committee the Authority should act to fill the vacancy as soon as is practicable.
- 1.2 Following the resignation of Authority Member Amber Thacker in November a vacancy has arisen on the Planning Committee.
- 1.3 It is proposed that Roger Huxstep, the new Winchester City Council Member of the Authority, be appointed to fill this vacancy on Planning Committee with immediate effect.

**2. Other Implications**

<b>Implication</b>	<b>Yes*/No</b>
Will further decisions be required by another committee/full authority?	Committee appointments are made annually by the Full Authority
Does the proposal raise any Resource implications?	The administration and meeting costs of Committees is covered by existing Authority staff and budgets.. Members of the Authority are paid allowances in accordance with the Authority's Scheme of Allowances.
How does the proposal represent Value for Money?	Effective decision making contributes to the efficient running of the Authority
Are there any Social Value implications arising from the proposal?	None
Has due regard has been taken of the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equality Act 2010?	All members are eligible to be considered for Committee places and outside bodies. The operation of Committees meets the obligations of the Equalities Act and reasonable adjustments will be made to support Members.
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 Sustainability implications based on the 5 principles set out in the SDNPA Sustainability Strategy	The report adheres to the principle of Promoting Good Governance as set out in the Authority's Sustainability Strategy.

### **3. Risks Associated with the Proposed Decision**

- 3.1 Members who have been newly appointed to Committees will be required to undertake training in the role and responsibilities of such Committee.
- 3.2 The Authority is the planning authority for the South Downs National Park, and any new appointees to the Planning Committee must undertake the required level of training before they can take part in the decision making process.

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#### **Appendices**

SDNPA Consultees Chief Executive Officer, Director of Countryside Policy & Management,  
Director of Planning & Monitoring Officer;

External Consultees None

Background Documents [Standing orders](#)