

Report to	<b>South Downs National Park Authority</b>
Date	<b>16 October 2018</b>
By	<b>Head of Governance</b>
Title of Report <b>Decision</b>	<b>Appointment of Committees and Outside Bodies</b>

**Recommendation: The Authority is recommended to:**

- 1. Appoint Anthony Watts Williams to the SDNPA Planning Committee with immediate effect; and**
- 2. Appoint Graham Morrison to the SDNPA Policy and Resources Committee with immediate effect.**

**1. Summary and Background**

- 1.1 Responsibility for appointing members to Committees sits with the NPA. The authority's Standing Order 8.2 require that should a vacancy arise on a committee between annual meetings the Authority should act to fill the vacancy as soon as is practicable.
- 1.2 Following the resignation of Authority Member Gary Marsh a vacancy has arisen on the Planning Committee. It is proposed that Anthony Watts Williams, the new appointee from Mid Sussex District Council, be appointed to fill this vacancy on Planning Committee with immediate effect.
- 1.3 There is currently a vacancy on the P&R committee, which arose from a previous secretary of state appointee reaching the end of their term of office. It is therefore proposed that the new Secretary of State appointee, Graham Morrison, be appointed to the P&R 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 at its AGM.
Does the proposal raise any Resource implications?	The training, 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	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 should

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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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