

# Norfolk Local Access Forum

Item No.

<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Norfolk Local Access Forum recruitment</b>
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>18 July 2018</b>
<b>Responsible Chief Officer:</b>	<b>Steve Miller, Assistant Director, Culture and Heritage</b>
<b>Strategic impact</b>  The Norfolk Local Access Forum is a statutory body which provides advice and acts as a consultee about access to the countryside.	

## Executive summary

A timetable has been prepared to enable membership of the Norfolk Local Access Forum to be refreshed by the appointing body (Norfolk County Council) (current members will re-apply) and up to 4 vacancies to be appointed-to, to ensure that the Forum has a full complement of 22 members by 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 (when most current members' terms of appointment expire).

### Recommendation:

- i. that the NLAF notes the proposed timetable and activities for the above
- ii. that the NLAF discusses and makes suggestions for consideration on priority areas regarding recruitment of new members
- iii. that the NLAF appoints its Chair and Vice Chair following the recruitment process (when the Forum has a full complement of members) at the April 2019 meeting.

## 1. Proposal

- 1.1. That the NLAF notes the timetable and activities for recruitment (and refreshment of current membership) to the Forum.

## 2. Evidence

- 2.1. The term of office for most current members to the Forum expires on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

There are up to 4 vacancies on the Forum.

Under the rules (see "Guidance on Local Access Forums in England" (2007)), members of the Forum should appear to the appointing authority (Norfolk County Council) to be representative of (a) users of local rights of way or open access land (e.g. walkers, horse rider, and cyclists and carriage drivers); (b) owners and occupiers of access land or land over which local rights of way subsist (c) any other interests especially relevant to Norfolk. There should be a reasonable balance maintained between those who represent the interests of (a) and (b).

An analysis of current member interests for the Norfolk Local Access Forum has been prepared (Appendix 1). This indicates that there are several areas which might be under-represented (including landowners).

The NLAF is invited to discuss and make suggestions regarding interest areas that could be represented so that recruitment can be focussed to fill any gaps.

A timetable of activities to refresh the documentation and go through the recruitment (and current member refreshment) process has been prepared (Appendix 2).

### **3. Financial Implications**

3.1. None

### **4. Issues, risks and innovation**

4.1. None

### **5. Background**

5.1. Local Access Forum Regulations 2007

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