

**CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM**

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- Title:** Amendment to Operating Procedures
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- Purpose:** To approve an amendment to the Operating Procedures stating that, in extenuating circumstances, membership can be extended for up to two meetings subject to agreement from the Forum.

**Advice Sought**

Forum members are asked to approve the amendment to the Operating Procedures.

**Background**

1. At present Forum members are appointed for three years and are able to extend their membership by up to three years but not serve more than six continuous years (see Section 3 of Paper 4, Annex 1).
2. Staggering membership in this way has lots advantages - for example a regular turnover of membership and continuity when looking at issues over a number of meetings.
3. A key piece of work for the Forum is to help the CNPA shape the review of the Core Paths Plan and to formally respond to the Plan during the public consultation. The current review of the Core Paths Plan culminates in the formal consultation likely to take place over spring 2013. In advance of that the Forum has explored a number of issues and advised on changes to the plan.
4. The issue we have is that two key members of the Forum are due to stand down in advance of that formal consultation having served their six years. In order to maintain the continuity of advice on the Core Paths Plan we are proposing that their membership is extended for up to two meetings.
5. A situation like this may arise in the future so it is proposed that an amendment is made to the Operating Procedures to formalise it (see Section 3e of Annex 1).

**Forum members are asked to approve the amendment to the Operating procedures.**

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