

# CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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## FOR INFORMATION

**Title: ELECTION OF CONVENER**

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### **Purpose**

To give Members advance notice of the process and timetable for election of the Convener.

### **Recommendations**

To note.

### **Executive Summary**

This paper draws to members' attention that the Election of the Convener will take place as the first item of business at the Board meeting on 6 July (to be held in Ballater). This is in accordance with standing orders which require that the election of Convener takes place "at the second last CNPA meeting before the term of office of the current Convener expires".

A reminder of the process for election of Convener is given in the paper overleaf.

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1. The current Convener was elected by the CNPA Board in 2009, for a period of three years ending 7 September 2012. Standing Orders require that the election of a Convener takes place “at the second-last CNPA meeting before the term of office of the current Convener expires”. Therefore the next election for Convener is due as the first item of business at the Board meeting on 6 July 2012 (to be held in Ballater).
2. Your attention is drawn to paragraphs 4-6 of the CNPA standing orders which set out the process. In particular, please note:
  - a) Nominations will be taken at the meeting (which for this item is chaired by the Proper Officer). Any member may, at the meeting, propose another NPA member for the post of Convener, and there must be a seconder.
  - b) A Member may be proposed for Convener in their absence.
  - c) Only Members at the meeting may vote.
3. Standing Orders provide for the Convener to be elected for a period of 3 years.
4. The time input of the Convener, and the basis for payment, was agreed by the Board in 2003 as 2 days a week (and Deputy Convener 1 day a week). Other Members are paid on the basis of 3 days a month.

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