
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

Title: CHANGE TO STANDING ORDERS: IMPLEMENTING CHANGES TO COMMITTEE CHAIR ELECTIONS

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Purpose

This paper proposes changes required to Standing Orders to implement the changes to the election process for Committee Chairs as agreed by the Board. The paper follows agreement by the Board at its meeting of 28 May 2021 that Standing Orders require amendment.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- a) **Agree the amendment to Standing Orders set out in paragraph 3;**
- b) **Note the Board has agreed to progress the nomination of candidates for election as Committee Chairs in parallel with the process to amend Standing Orders;**
- c) **Confirm the Board is content that the list of nominations to be declared by 17:00 on 11 June 2021 will be accepted by the Board as the candidates for the election of Committee Chairs.**

Background

1. The Board agreed to change the structure of the Board's Committees at its meeting of 28 May and adopted Terms of Reference for Committees at that meeting.
2. The Board also agreed that Committee Chairs should be elected by the full Board rather than by the membership of the Committees. The Board agreed on 28 May that a change in Standing Orders was required to implement its agreed changes. This paper sets out the proposed changes in Standing orders to implement the Board's prior decisions.

Proposed Changes To Standing Orders

3. In order to confirm the election of Committee Chairs following the process agreed by the Board on 28 May, the following amendment is required to the current standing orders:
 - a) Replace Standing order paragraph 40: "... Committees, other than Planning Committee provided for at paragraph 22, shall appoint a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson at their first meeting following agreement of their membership by the Board, from among the membership of the Committee agreed by the Board..." with
 - b) Committee Chairs shall be elected by the full Board using the voting procedures set out in these Standing Orders for the election of the Board Convener. Committee Chairs so elected shall be a member of the Committee in terms of that Committee's terms of reference. Any subsequent requirement for review of the membership of the Committee in question shall be undertaken by the Convener and the Governance Committee. The Vice Chair of Committees shall be appointed by each Committee from among the membership of the Committee agreed by the Board.

Confirmation of Validity of Candidate List

4. The Board agreed at its meeting on 28 May that the proposed timetable for the current round of elections of Committee Chairs should be followed, despite standing orders not being amended as at 28 May. The Board is therefore asked to confirm the list of nominees for Committee Chairs developed since the last meeting, and prior to any final amendment of standing orders, is to be accepted as the candidate list for elections to be undertaken following the date of this meeting.

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