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# 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 simply draws to members' attention that the Election of the Convener will take place as the first item of business at the Board meeting on 10 July (to be held in Braemar). 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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## ELECTION OF CONVENER AND REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP– FOR INFORMATION

### Election of Convener

1. The current Convener was elected as Convener by the CNPA Board on 8 September 2006, for a period of three years. 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 10 July 2009 (to be held in Braemar).
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.
3. Standing Orders provide for the Convener to be elected for a period of 3 years. At the time of writing, it is not clear whether the proposal put forward as part of the Strategic review of National parks that the Convener should be appointed by Scottish Ministers, will be implemented. However, if it is, it would require a change to primary legislation which would override any election made under the current arrangements. Further, the timing of any such change is not clear. I therefore recommend that the Board proceed with the election of Convener, as usual, under current arrangements, for three years, and without prejudice to any changes to the founding legislation.
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). Members are paid on the basis of 3 days a month.

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