
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

Title: ELECTION OF CONVENER

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Purpose

This paper notifies the Board of the election of the Board Convener and the proposed process for that election.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- a) Note the notification of the election of the Board Convener;**
- b) Agree the process of election as set out in this paper.**

Executive Summary

1. The Board agreed in finalising its Standing Orders that there should be a greater separation in time between the election of the Convener and the expiry of the term of appointment of the current Convener. The current term of appointment of the Convener comes to an end on 30 September, with the new appointment commencing from 1 October. As such, notification is now given of the commencement of the Convener election, with the member elected through this process taking up the role with effect from 1 October 2021.
2. While Business Continuity Plan (BCP) processes remain in force, the Board has also agreed modifications to the Standing orders to allow elections to be undertaken by post. As set out in the paper dealing with the election of Committee Chairs, the process for elections was last modified and agreed by the Board in November 2020 for the election of the Planning Committee Convener. The election for the Board Convener will follow the same process as we continue to expect BCP arrangements to prevent in person meetings of the scale of a Board meeting over the next few months.
3. Accordingly, it is proposed that the election for the Board Convener follows the following timetable, which mirrors the proposed timetable for the election of Committee Chairs:
 - a) 28 May: Board confirms process for election of Convener

- b) 11 June 17:00: deadline for receipt of validated nominations and seconds for role of Convener
- c) In week commencing 14 June: confirmation of nominations Convener and issue of ballot papers together with supporting candidate statements. Target issue of these papers Wednesday 16 June.
- d) Wednesday 30 June 17:00: deadline for receipt of ballot papers
- e) By Friday 2 July: count of ballots; announcement of results of elections; confirmation of member to take on role of Convener from 1 October 2021.

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