**Briefing Note**

**Surrey Hills AONB Board meeting: 15 June 2022**

**Item 2: Election of Vice-Chair**

Section 31 of the Surrey Hills AONB Constitution provides that the Board must elect a Vice-Chair annually.

Geoff Duck was elected as Vice-Chair in June 2021, but is no longer the Tandridge DC representative on the Board.

The Board therefore needs to elect a new Vice-chair, which will be done at the Board meeting.

Whilst the Constitution does not specifically state that the Vice-Chair must be a core member of the Board, it has been the normal practice to elect a core member as Vice-Chair, as they would have to substitute for the Chair when he/she is not available and only core members can vote on statutory and financial matters.

It is therefore suggested that the new Vice-Chair be elected from one of the core members on the Board, i.e.:

Councillor Susan Parker, Guildford Borough Council

Councillor Claire Malcomson, Mole Valley District Council

Councillor Rosemary Absalom, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Councillor Catherine Sayer, Tandridge District Council

Councillor Ruth Reed, Waverley Borough Council

Councillor Marisa Heath, Surrey County Council

Stephen Rudd, Natural England

Stephanie Fudge, The National Trust

Andre Ferreira

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