

Surrey Hills AONB Meeting 3 March 2021

Public Question from Jill Richardson Jones (Mrs)

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to ask the following public questions in respect of the forthcoming Board Meeting on the 3rd March 2021.

I am unable to find anything on the Surrey Hills AONB website that tells me exactly what the Statutory Members Group does.

Could you please let me know:

- who the members of the Group are
- its purpose and duties
- when it last met and the frequency of its meetings
- how and when the Board considers its input
- how I can access the reports of its considerations
- why the reports are not easily available?

Draft AONB Board Response

Dear Mrs Richardson-Jones,

Thank you very much for your question and your interest in the arrangements for the AONB.

The Statutory Members' Group is simply a name used by the Members Advisory Group as set out in our constitution. In accordance with our constitution the members are:

Heather Kerswell (Independent Chair)

Cllr Geoff Duck, Tandridge DC

Cllr Hazel Watson, Mole Valley DC

County Councillor Natalie Bramhall

Councillor Susan Parker, Guildford BC

Supported by Rob Fairbanks, as AONB Director, and Denise Furlonger, as Office Manager.

The Statutory Members Group is elected from the local authority representatives at the Surrey Hills AONB AGM each year. Its purpose is to support the AONB Director in preparing for Board meetings and interpreting and implementing Board decisions. It normally meets about ten days before each Board meeting. It is not a meeting which is open to the public and the papers are therefore not in

the public domain. However, I can tell you that it normally simply looks at the agenda proposed for the forthcoming Board meeting.

Yours sincerely

Heather Kerswell

Independent Chair