

Date: 01 February 2024

Title: Report Item 10 – SDNPA Board Councillor representative vacancy

By: S Adeniji (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To provide background information and a timetable

Recommendations: To consider a response to the vacancy

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1. As East Dean and Friston parish is located wholly within the National Park boundary the parish council is entitled to nominate a councillor representative to sit on the SDNP Board.
 2. Elections were conducted last year for the Board of the South Downs National Park Authority. There are six parish representatives: two from each of Hampshire, West Sussex and East Sussex, serving on the 26-person Board.
 3. Due to Councillor Meyer having moved out of the area, he is no longer eligible to sit on the SDNP Board. As a result, a vacancy has arisen for a councillor representative to sit on the Board.
 4. Town, parish council or parish meetings located wholly or partially within the National Park boundary are entitled to nominate a councillor representative. In the case of a parish meeting, it can only be the Chairman of that PM.
 5. The first stage is to decide whether or not the parish council wishes to nominate a councillor and send the name to Trevor Leggo as soon as possible. This part of the process will need to be completed by **February 15th**.
 6. Should more than one nomination be received for this vacancy it will be necessary to hold a ballot and the parish council will be notified should this be the case.