



---

**Report of the**

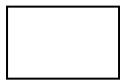
***LEEDS LOCAL ACCESS FORUM***

**Date: 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007**

**Subject: RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE FORUM AND NEW REGULATIONS AND DEFRA GUIDANCE**

---

**Electoral Wards Affected: All**



Ward Members consulted referred to in report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

---

**1.0 Purpose Of This Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of Leeds Local Access Forum of the details of their terms of office and the re-appointment information. Members are also advise of the changes to the regulations relating to local access forums and new guidance published by Department of the Environment Farming and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

**2.0 Background Information**

2.1 The Forum's regulations require that Members are reappointed when their term of office ends.

**3.0 Main Issues**

***Re-appointment of Members***

3.1 Appendix A outlines the currents membership of the Forum together with terms of office and current vacancies.

3.2 The Local Access Forum (England) Regulations 2007 (Regulations 2007) allow an appointing authority to re-appoint a person who ceases to be a member of a local access forum on the expiry of his term.

- 3.3 Members of the Forum whose term of office is due to come to an end are requested to advise the Clerk if they wish to be reappointed to the Forum.

#### ***Appointment of New Members***

- 3.4 The Regulations 2007 and the forum's Terms of Reference, before appointing any member the appointing authority must advertise the vacancy in a local or regional newspaper and their website. The appointing authority must also consult such person as they consider appropriate. Every effort must be made to ensure a reasonable balance is maintained between all those who are eligible to be a member of the Forum.
- 3.5 Previous attempts to attract new members over the last year were unsuccessful. The Forum may wish to re-advertise for the new members as the Regulations 2007 and DEFRA advise that if the membership of local access forums falls below 10 new members should be found. All proposed members will be appointed in accordance with the Forum's Terms of Reference.

#### ***New Local Access Forum Regulations and DEFRA Guidance***

- 3.6 Members of the Forum will be aware of the recent change to the regulations relating to all local access forums (attached at Appendix B) and new DEFRA guidance on Local Access Forums (previously circulated to all members). The terms of Reference will be amended to take into consideration any changes. The Regulations 2007 are attached for Members' information.

#### **4.0 Recommendations**

- 4.1 That Members of the Forum who wished to be re-appointed should notify the Secretary.
- 4.2 That the new members be recruited for the Forum.
- 4.3 That the Local Access Forum (England) Regulations 2007 (Regulations 2007) and 'Guidance on Local Access Forums in England' issued by DEFRA be noted.

**Terms of Office**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Date Appointed</b>	<b>Date for Renewal</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Mr M. Willison <b>(Chair)</b>	Walking interest	Appointed to the Forum April 2004  21/6/05 as Chair	April 2007  21/6/06	-  Max term 21/6/08
Ms S Goodall <b>(Vice Chair)</b>	Horse Riding interest	Appointed to the Forum April 2004  21/6/05 as Vice Chair	April 2007  21/6/06	-  Max term 21/6/08  Resigned July 2006
Mr P. Maude	Cycling interest	April 04	April 07	-
Mrs D. Metcalf	Horse Riding interest	April 04	April 07	-
Mr F. Hirst	Farming interest	April 04	April 06	-
Mr A. Hepworth	Farming interest	April 04	April 06	Resigned June 2005
Mr M. Dyer	Walking interest	April 04	April 06	Term Completed & Resigned
Mrs D. Lawson	Land Owning interest	April 04	April 07	-
Cllr R. Harrington	Lead Member for Learning & Leisure	April 04	TBC	-
Cllr C. Fox		April 04	TBC	-