

Item 16 – Election of Chair and Vice-chair

The Positions of Chair and Vice-chair of the New Forest Access Forum are elected annually. Where more than one person is standing for a position, the election will be held by secret ballot. In the event of a tied vote where there are more than two candidates, the candidate with least votes will drop out of the process, and another secret ballot will be taken. This process will be repeated until there is a clear winner, or all remaining candidates have an equal number of votes. In the event of the latter, the remaining candidates will draw sealed envelopes, one of which will contain an indication of victory.

There is no restriction on the number of times a person can hold either post.

It is recommended that the chair and vice-chair should represent different categories of interest, where the categories are (a) land owners and occupiers; (b) recreational users; and (c) other interests. Both positions may be held by representatives from category (c). Members who represent the appointing authorities are not eligible for either position.

Alastair Duncan has held the position of Chair of the New Forest Access Forum since June 2011, and Ruth Croker has held Vice-chair for the same period. Both have indicated their willingness to stand for re-election. Other nominations are welcome.

Anyone wishing to stand for either post should inform Sarah Manchester of their intention prior to the refreshment break on the day of the meeting (3 June). Please feel free to contact Sarah to informally discuss any aspect of the above.