

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY MEETING
Thursday 25 August 2011 at 10.00 am
Meeting Room, South Efford House, Milford Road, Lymington

REPORT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Good morning Chairman and members.

I would firstly like to thank the Authority for kindly circulating our questions in advance and I hope you have had prior discussions in order to provide some of the answers today. I understand some questions will be more complex than others so I have chosen to mention orally some which I believe could be easily answered now: -

In order that the general public have full knowledge and understanding of the background which led to the Report in the Public Interest will the Authority place in the public domain the documents mentioned in **points 3, 7, 16, 17, 20 and 24**?

Point 5

According to the Minutes of the Authority meeting on 25 June 2009, the then permanent Chief Executive resigned her position. This may have misled the public into assuming there would be no additional costs other than statutory or contractual payment obligations on the part of the Authority.

Q Was there an informal agreement between the Authority and the former CEO to publicly announce this was a simple resignation rather than a termination of employment?

Point 6

The Authority's total budget in 2009/10 was £5.5 million. The combined payments (Agency payments of £255k plus **alleged** £130k termination payment) amount to **7%** of this budget total. Will the Authority provide, today, the names of any Authority members who **were not** aware of this significant amount at the time?

Point 10

Will the Authority provide, today, the names of those Authority members who were present at the May 2009 'informal meeting'?

Will the Authority explain, today, why the Resources & Performance Committee Terms of Reference Section 2.2.3 of Schedule 1 of Standing Orders were not upheld?

Finally, in the interests of openness, transparency and diligence will the Authority conduct an internal inquiry into how this happened... and publish its conclusions?

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None of the above questions were answered today. The Chairman advised that the NPA would be writing to us in a few days time. The meeting lasted approximately 20 minutes.

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