

## **Appointments to the Sustainable Development Fund Panel**

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**Summary:** The Board should appoint 5 members to the Sustainable Development Fund Panel for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. Natural England has not confirmed its grant for 2007-08 but it is expected the panel will have a budget of up to £100,000

**Purpose of Report:** To appoint members to the Sustainable Development Fund Panel.

### **Background**

1. The Board decided at its AGM in October 2006 that it would make appointments to the Sustainable Development Fund panel to coincide with the financial year. As such, appointments would be made at the last Board meeting in each financial year for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.
2. The Board should make 5 appointments which broadly reflect the composition of the Board itself. It is proposed that the appointments should be based on 2 local authority appointed members, 2 Secretary of State appointed members and 1 parish council elected member.
3. The chairman of the Panel would be elected from the membership of the Panel at its first meeting.
4. Each member of the panel is entitled to claim an allowance of £500. The chairman of the panel will receive a special responsibility allowance of £500. Members are also entitled to claim mileage expenses.
5. In the past the panel has tended to meet every month (but not necessarily at a one month interval) at the Board's offices in Chinnor. The panel is likely to meet up to 10 times in the year including a tour of sites. There may be occasional site visits in addition. Each meeting typically lasts for two hours.

### **Recommendation**

1. **The Board appoints five members to the Sustainable Development Fund Panel for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 including:**
  - 2 **Local authority appointed members**
  - 2 **Secretary of state appointed members**
  - 1 **Parish council appointed member**