

## **Agenda item 1**

### **Election of Chair for 2004/5 and related items**

#### **1. NPF Chair 2004/5**

The position of Chair has been vacant since the resignation of Cllr Stewart Stacey in June. Your executive has considered the succession and wish to nominate Liz Peace (Chief Executive, British Property Foundation and Vice Chair representing the private sector) to serve as Chair for 2004/5. However, the Executive does not wish to preclude any other names from coming forward from the Forum membership. Accordingly, any nominations are welcome and should be received by the Secretary no later than close of play on 16<sup>th</sup> September. In that event a ballot would be held at the outset of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Recommendation: That the NPF Chair for 2004/5 be elected.

#### **2. Local Government Association representation**

Following changes at Member level, the LGA now wish to nominate Cllr David Sparks to represent the LGA on the Forum. Cllr Sparks (Dudley MBC) chairs the Environment Board of the LGA and was a member of the Forum some years ago.

Recommendation: That the NPF thank the LGA for their nomination and welcome Cllr sparks as a Vice Chair of the Forum representing local government.

#### **3. Future chairing arrangements**

Your executive has also addressed the need for a process for succession for chairing the Forum. The consensus is that the Chair should rotate between the Vice Chairs on an annual basis. This would provide continuity while underscoring the equal status of each sector in managing the Forum. It would also recognise that colleagues have heavy commitments and that one year at the front line is as much as can be reasonably expected.

Recommendation: That the Chair of the NPF rotate on an annual basis drawn from the pool of Vice Chairs.