
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2007

PART 2

Membership, proceedings and administration

Membership of a local access forum

- 3.—**(1) A local access forum shall consist of at least ten and not more than 22 members.
- (2) The appointing authority may appoint a new member or members to a local access forum at any time, provided that the total number of members does not exceed 22 as a result of the appointment.
- (3) If the number of members of a local access forum falls below ten at any time, the appointing authority must, as soon as reasonably practicable, appoint a new member or members so that the forum consists of at least ten members.
- (4) The maximum number of members of a local access forum who may also be members of a district or county council or National Park authority for any part of the area of the forum is—
- (a) in the case of a local access forum consisting of not more than 16 members, two, and
 - (b) in the case of a local access forum consisting of no fewer than 17 members, three.
- (5) The members shall be persons who appear to the appointing authority to be representative of—
- (a) users of local rights of way or the right conferred by section 2(1) (rights of public in relation to access land);
 - (b) owners and occupiers of access land or land over which local rights of way subsist; or
 - (c) any other interests especially relevant to the authority's area (or to any of the authorities' areas, in the case of a joint local access forum).
- (6) The appointing authority must ensure a reasonable balance is maintained between the number of members appointed in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) and the number appointed in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (5).
- (7) Before appointing any member the appointing authority must—
- (a) advertise the vacancy—
 - (i) in such local or regional newspapers circulating in the authority's area as they consider appropriate; and
 - (ii) if they maintain a website on the internet, on such a website; and
 - (b) consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (8) The requirements set out in paragraph (7) do not apply to the appointment of any person who—
- (a) is a member of a district or county council or National Park authority for any part of the area of the forum; or
 - (b) is appointed to a forum in the circumstances described in regulation 5(2) or (3).