

Angus Local Access Forum – Selection Requirements

Personal Qualities

- Open attitude – members should be willing to listen to new perspectives from fellow members.
- Consensus working – willingness to explore issues constructively and creatively.
- Good communication - members should be able to communicate effectively both within the forum and with their wider interest group. Two way communication between the forum and the wider public will be essential.
- Time commitment – the forum may only meet once every two months, but if the forum is to work effectively an ongoing commitment to the work of the forum will be required between meetings.
- Members should be representing the sector/interest area at a strategic level, rather than any personal or local agenda.

Land Managers Interest Group

One of the original members of this interest group is proposing to step down, the group therefore requires to appoint a new member. This is to bring up to four the total number of members within this interest group. The candidates who can be representative of a broad range of land management interests, these may include, for example; arable farming, livestock farming, upland and lowland estates, fields sports, angling and forestry. It will be preferable if individuals have a knowledge of more than one of these areas and offer two way communication with the wider interest groups, perhaps through organisations such as the National Farmers Union of Scotland or the Scottish Rural Property and Business Association.

User Representative Interest Group

One of the original members of this interest group is proposing to step down, the group therefore requires to appoint a new member. This is to bring up to four the total number of members within this interest group. Both the specific interest and breadth of interests of applicants will be taken into consideration during the selection procedure.

Community Interest Group

This group requires to appointment a new member, to make up to four the total members who can be representative of a broad range of community interests, which may include; disabled interests, family, youth, older people, dog walking, local nature conservation, local tourism and health. Individuals representing these interests may or may not be members of local community organisations such as community councils.

It is accepted that individuals in this sector may not be able to communicate with the wider interest group Angus wide, but will nevertheless be able to offer views to the forum that will to some extent be representative of those of the wider public. The Forum, with help from the Council, will need to establish other means of communication with the wider public through, for instance an annual access conference, newsletters and websites.

Selection of Interest Group members

Following receipt of applications by the Council, applicants will be offered the opportunity to present their case for membership at a peer selection meeting. The peer group will be asked to vote for a shortlist of candidates at the meeting, after which the council will make a decision on the final appointments. Preference will be given to appointing the candidate with the most votes. The Council will however reserve the right to select from the shortlist in order to ensure a reasonable spread of interests within the respective group.