

VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL ACCESS FORUM: 14TH July 2026

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

The procedure to be followed for the appointment of the Local Access Forum's (LAF) Chair and the Vice- Chair of the Forum is set out in Regulation 12 of the Countryside Access (Local Access Forums) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

At its meeting held on 4th June 2026, as the final business of the first meeting of the Forum, the Secretary asked for nominations for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair. During that meeting one nomination was received for the position of Chair, from Paul Hawkins.

The Secretary also advised that an email request for nominations would be circulated for any further self-nominations. The closing date for the receiving of nominations via email was 5pm, Monday, 6th July 2026.

No nominations were received via email by the Secretary before the deadline (6th July, 2026), so there is only one nomination for the position of Chair, from Paul Hawkins. Regulations require that if more than one nomination is received, then a secret ballot will be undertaken and presided over by the Secretary. As there is only a single nomination, the Forum is asked to confirm Paul Hawkins as its Chair for the remainder of the 3 years of the existence of the current Local Access Forum.

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Paul Hawkins be confirmed as Chair of the Vale of Glamorgan's Local Access Forum.