

EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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MEMBERS' REPORTS

Purpose of Report:

To receive updates and reports on meeting and events attended by Members as representatives of the National Park Authority.

1. ANPA HOUSING WORKING GROUP MEETING 10 December 2001 – Report by Roger Webber

- 1.1 I attended this meeting in Birmingham with Jack Ellerby. The meeting was arranged following the ANPA Executive Meeting at the Exmoor Conference. It was useful for Members and Officers to discuss this important issue together. Most National Parks were represented.
- 1.2 We considered and agreed some amendments/additions to a draft paper prepared by Jack following a workshop organised by the Heads of Planning on 13 November 2001. The Paper has now been sent to Ministers – Lord Falconer (Planning and Housing), Alun Michael (Rural Affairs) and Sue Essex (Environment, Planning and Transport) – copy attached. Copies have also been sent to our MPs.
- 1.3 The Government is now aware that more attention needs to be given to the provision of affordable rural housing. I hope that Minister's will respond positively to some of the suggested measures we have set out in the paper.

*If anyone would like any further information please contact Roger Webber, Member of the Exmoor National Park Authority.
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