

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGENDA ITEM 1

1. Welcome to new and reappointed members

Councillor Paul Williams (Cheshire West and Chester Council)
Dr Jim Andrews and Messrs Derek Clarke, Brian Crawford, Mark Oddy (MMO appointees)

2. Welcome to new Science Officers

Jonathan Haines (Conservation and Environment Advisor)
Abi Carroll (Science Support Officer)

3. The conduct of MMO appointee Mr. R Benson was investigated following a magistrate's comments *in Court* that *Mr. Benson* gave irresponsible advice to defendants in a NWIFCA prosecution. MMO determined that Mr. Benson should be dismissed and he then resigned so is no longer a member.

4. Council Officers attending

5. Welcome to Visitors/Members of the Public

Heather Johnston and Dan Howarth (MMO Officers)

6. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Lorraine Beavers (Lancashire County Council_
Dave Grunshaw (MMO appointee)
Keith Little (Cumbria County Council)
Caroline Salthouse (MMO appointee)

7. Tabled Item(s)

Agenda Item 9. Annual Report 2014-15. The Report was circulated by email on 9th December. All Members should have received a copy.

Update from Lancashire County Council on purchase of replacement vessel for NWIFCA has been tabled.

8. Prejudicial Interests

Members with a Prejudicial Interest in Agenda items are asked to complete the form being passed around the room by putting their name against any of the Items on today's Agenda.