

## **2022 Statements Received for Positions of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority**

### **Chair of the Authority:**

#### Cllr David Chapman

It is my wish to be considered for the above position and for which I give the following reasons:

I have been a Member of this Authority for 12 years during which time I was Deputy Chair for 5 years and have served on both planning and P & R committees, I have chaired the Land Managers Forum for 4 years, Moors for the Future for 6 years and have been a member of the Climate Change Working Group since its inception. My other duties have included membership of the National Park Management Plan Advisory Group and representation of the Authority on Europarc and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

In considering the position of Chair I have given careful thought to what direction the future of this Park must take in situations where world paradigms are rapidly changing and to which we must adapt.

The first of those is our approach to farming and the landscape which are mutually intertwined. Farming is experiencing massive changes in its financing structures, the increasing importance of food security and its approach to climate change mitigation and biodiversity.

I consider that we must move faster into a delivery period to assist and lead Peak District farmers into a position where they will be able to face the challenges which they will be experiencing up to 2024 and beyond.

I attach greater importance to “walking the walk” over “talking the talk”.

I consider that my experience of being part of a farming family and for the last 30 years working as a Sustainable Soil and Crop Consultant makes me well placed to take on this challenge as I deal with the agricultural sector daily, it would also enable me to work with the incoming Chief Executive from day one to ensure he is aware of the direction we must take and familiarize him with the ethos of our farming fraternity.

Secondly in a world of decreasing resources we have to be very aware of the financial implications this will have for the future of our Park. At this point I must confess that the world of finance is not my strongpoint but I know with the highly qualified and competent officers on this Authority and through them and the guidance of my fellow Members this will not be a problem.

Thirdly, having been a local Councillor for 21 years I am aware of the need for good communications and understanding between this Park and its constituent Councils particularly on topics such as local housing and tourism so I would always work to strengthen those relationships, and indeed, I have the experience and contacts to do that.

Finally, I was born and have always lived in the Peak District National Park, my whole life has been inextricably linked with it, its people, its landscape, its way of life and to serve as the Chair of my Park would be one of the greatest privileges of my life, thank you.

Cllr Andrew McCloy

I am standing for Chair for one further year (only) to offer continuity and stability in a time of change for the Authority. With a new Chief Executive not in place till the autumn, and two long-serving committee chairs stepping down, I am keen to minimise the corporate risk to our organisation and provide the time and support for our new CEO, in particular, to get up and running. I acknowledge that serving an extra term is a departure from convention, but I believe these are exceptional circumstances and remaining as Chair for one further year would allow a smooth transition and is in the best interests of the National Park Authority.

In terms of the broader agenda, although we must be prudent with our finances as we move away from the difficult period of covid and lockdown, and in the face of a disappointing 3-year flat cash Government funding settlement, we must also continue to show genuine ambition and leadership as a pioneering National Park in the face of the climate and biodiversity crises. As our new Management Plan and Local Plan policies take shape, they will allow us the opportunity to develop ever more progressive responses, but our biggest challenge may be to galvanise our partners to help us deliver a thriving National Park that delivers for the environment and people alike.

I hope Members will back me for one further year so we can shape this new agenda and the Authority can make a smooth leadership transition.

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**Deputy Chair of the Authority:**

Mr James Berresford

I am keen to continue in my role as Deputy Chair of the Authority. I believe I have proved through my contributions to date that I have a genuine appreciation of the organisation's core purposes and values and the challenges it faces.

I feel that my re-appointment to the role would provide much-needed continuity for the organisation as we transit from the outgoing CEO to the incoming CEO. The new appointee will, of course, need to rely on the skills and knowledge of all Members, not least the Chair. However, my experience in organisational development and team building would perhaps provide a key resource for the CEO to count on should he need to.

I further believe that as Deputy Chair of the Authority, I can add weight to the determination required to hone down the new National Park Management Plan and assist in securing the high-level partnership support its successful implementation will need. With limited resources available to all parties, not least the Authority itself, the Management Plan must become the conduit to focussed, determined action. I hope that as the Management Plan enters its final draft stage, I can be instrumental in persuading partners to commit themselves to its delivery. This would also be helped by the strong local and national networks I possess.

It perhaps goes without saying that I am interested in Chairing the Management Plan Task and Finish group. I have greatly enjoyed and benefitted from the highly skilled and professional input of my fellow Members in this regard.

Finally, I would welcome the opportunity to continue my input into the work of the Governance Review Working Group when required.

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## 2022 Statements Received for Positions of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees

### Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee:

#### Professor Janet Haddock-Fraser

Having undertaken the role of Deputy Chair of the P&R committee for the past two years, I would be delighted if members could support me as Chair for 2022-23. Over the past two years I have worked closely and productively with Zahid Hamid as Chair, learning a lot from his approach in the role and his wisdom. I aspire to achieve a smooth transition now he is stepping down.

In addition to serving as Deputy Chair I have been member champion for Climate Change, chairing the successful Climate Change Member Steering Group. In 2021-22 I have also been involved in the Management Plan Task and Finish Group, the Local Plan Steering Group and Budget Monitoring Group. Between them, they have given me a good understanding of a core element of the Programmes and Resources Committee going forward as we scrutinise the progress of the newly emerging Management Plan, in addition to the corporate resource decisions within the remit of the Committee.

I have set out briefly how my skills and experience are appropriate for this role:

- From my previous career in university senior management, I have a sound working knowledge of key aspects of the P&R committee's scope – strategy, finance, risk management and human resources – and the balance needed between competing priorities and resources across the Authority.
- With my academic expertise in sustainability, I have a good working understanding of the remit and activities of the programmes scrutinised by the P&R Committee and the links between them.
- I have held many chair/vice-chair positions, including chair of trustees for a sustainability membership organisation for universities, as chair of HR/remuneration sub-committees in another trustee role, and have effectively chaired multiple committees in my time in university senior management.

I believe a key aspect of the role as Chair is to understand and embrace the diversity of expertise, opinion and perspective we as Members bring to the Authority. Should I be successfully appointed I intend to commit time within and between meetings to do this.

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## **Vice Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee:**

### Chris Furness

I have been a member of the Authority since 2003. Only Kath has been a member longer. This position gives admission to regular meetings with the CEO. I think my experience would be helpful at these meetings. I have held this position before – for 3 years. This will be my last year as a LA member. I will not be standing in the 2023 LA elections.

### Cllr Charles Greaves

I would be grateful for your support for my appointment as Vice-Chair of the Authority's Programmes and Resources (P&R) committee.

I am a Local Authority member representing Kirklees Council which lies at the northern most part of the Park. The only Kirklees village within the Park boundaries is Holme and our best known part of the park is perhaps Holme Moss – and an area once farmed by my family. I feel privileged to be a part of the Authority and I am keen to support its work. Whilst my home is just outside of the park boundary, it falls within my Kirklees ward which I have represented for the last 10 years, as well as being part of the Holme Valley Parish Council area, where I have been a parish councillor since 2009.

Whilst I come from a farming family that also ran a holiday business, my working background is in finance and quantitative analysis. I started work in Investment Management and moved into Financial Services, later specialising in regulatory oversight. In more recent years I moved into the voluntary sector providing guidance on finance, debt and pension matters.

P&R is a busy committee, covering a diverse workload with competing demands. I see the Vice-Chair's principal role as supporting the Chair in managing the agenda and in enabling members of the committee to make their contribution to its work, as well as with monitoring the budget and programme implementation.

Having been a Non-Executive Director, Corporate Trustee, Partnership board lead, Place Committee Chair, as well as a member of strategic cross-party boards, and having chaired a range of public and private council meetings, I am experienced at the need to manage the agenda, whilst encouraging participation and facilitating discussion.

I am used to moving between competing responsibilities and duties - having to "wear different hats" has always been a part of my working life. Not being so closely tied into the heart of the Park, I believe I can bring another perspective into the work of the committee – whilst discharging the duties of the Authority and maintaining the relevance of the Park in the financially constrained, post-Covid world.

I am a regular walker in and around the north of the park, and as a family we often holiday in and around the park. The Greaves family have played their part in the history of the peak district – the Bakewell Pudding perhaps being the most famous connection, but I was pleasantly surprised to see that the farmhouse at North Lees was built by a Greaves. I have no idea if am related to either but I am happy to claim a link!

I ask for your support, and I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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## **Chair of Planning Committee**

### Cllr Patrick Brady

The Planning Team has been through a particularly difficult time with a combination of internal reorganisation and pressures in the job market.

The Planning function of the National Park Authority, whether the Committee or the Planning Service, is probably the most visible part the Authority's work, certainly amongst local businesses and communities.

Members, particularly the Chair/Vice-chair, can support the service in helping it to sustain high standards of professionalism that support Members in their role, acting as critical friend when needed.

My professional background (including three years in the Yorkshire Dales and Moors National Parks as well as in senior management) covered extensive experience in planning and plan making which enables me to contribute to planning policy and its interpretation and implementation.

This is a critical time both for the Authority and the National Park, and I would welcome the opportunity to support fellow members in making a significant contribution to the future.

### Mr Ken Smith

During of my 4 years as a Secretary of State (SoS) appointee (and 34 years as a PDNPA officer), including one year as Vice-Chair of Planning Committee, I have been committed to Authority purposes and their successful delivery. Through membership of Planning Committee and various task/working groups, and as Member Champion for Cultural Heritage and Landscapes, I have always sought to act on behalf of the whole Membership without favouring one particular group or interest.

I consider positive application of planning policies to be a, if not the principal tool for managing change to the character of the Peak District's landscapes, both in settlements and across the wider rural landscape, for the benefit of all communities of place and interest. My career has included contributing to the development and implementation of planning policies to this end. The last 4 years have enabled me to continue this contribution, from a different but equally important perspective, as a Planning Committee member and as Vice-Chair for the last two years.

I believe my previous and continuing experience in the planning process, as chair of different external institutions (past and present) and as Vice-Chair of Planning Committee for the last two years enables me to bring an appropriate skill-set to the role of Chair. In addition, my wide experience of national park purposes enables me further to support the Vice-Chair of the Committee, and the Membership, and make informed contributions through the Chairs' and Vice-Chairs' and other appropriate meetings/briefings.

## **Vice Chair of Planning Committee**

Cllr Patrick Brady

See statement above under Chair of Planning Committee.

Mr Ken Smith

In the event that I am not elected Chair of Planning Committee, I would welcome the opportunity to continue as Vice-Chair of that Committee. The comments in my statement for Chair of Planning Committee, above, apply equally to my ability to fulfil the role of Vice-Chair, continuing to support the Chair and the Membership through that position.

Furthermore, I would welcome the opportunity to: continue my input to the work of the **Governance Review Working Group** and the **Climate Change Steering Group**; continue to be a member of the **Planning Committee** and the **Local Joint Committee**.

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## **2022 Statements Received for Positions of Member Champions**

### **Member Champion for Natural Environment, Biodiversity and Farming:**

Cllr Charlotte Farrell

I am standing for this role because I think it is important that someone with a deep knowledge of the natural environment and who cares about biodiversity and the crisis it faces stands for this role; as well as someone with a farming background. (I am suggesting a role share). There is unfortunately a contradiction in these themes being together, given that one of the reasons we face the current biodiversity crisis is the impact of modern farming methods which have caused a massive decline of flora, insects and those that feed on them as well as destroying many habitats. I do accept that things are changing and there are farmers who realise the impact the industry causes but lately we have even heard members say that rewilding and climate change mitigation has gone too far, and that we need to reverse the trend in order to maintain food production. Obviously, food production is vital but without a biodiverse universe human kind will not survive; it is as big a crisis as the climate crisis.

In any event the natural environment does not end at farms but includes every part of the park so should not be lumped together with one specific industry.

I care passionately about the natural environment and for many people it is what the National Parks stand for, I want to ensure that it is as represented as farming has been.

I am very willing to I share the role with someone with a farming background so that we can work together.

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### **Member Champion for Cultural Heritage and Landscapes:**

Mr Ken Smith

During of my 4 years as a Secretary of State (SoS) appointee (and 34 years as a PDNPA officer), I have been committed to Authority purposes and their successful delivery. As Member Champion for Cultural Heritage and Landscapes, and through membership (and Vice-Chair) of Planning Committee and various task/working groups, I have always sought to act on behalf of the whole Membership without favouring one particular group or interest.

I aspire to continue in this position to fulfil the remit of my SoS appointment (and re-appointment for a second 4-year term) to promote sustainable conservation of Peak District landscapes and, as identified by the NPA when I was appointed, to promote maintenance and enhancement of the cultural heritage of the National Park.

I have 34 years of experience of managing the cultural heritage of the National Park as an officer of the Authority and 4 years as a SoS Member, the last three years as Member Champion for Cultural Heritage and Landscapes. During those three years, I have met with

lead officers and managers, informing and being informed by their work, reporting back to Members via Authority meetings. These inputs benefit variously from my previous experience and understanding of the NP/NPA; previous membership of the Historic England Advisory Committee and National Trust Archaeology Panel; and input to national agri-environment scheme historic environment policies. Currently I provide heritage advice and guidance to the National Trust as a Specialist Volunteer and participate in independent research projects, most recently considering ecosystem services and natural capital accounting and value from a cultural heritage perspective.

These skills, experience and expertise benefit this role and enable me to assist the Authority in achieving maintenance and enhancement of the National Park's cultural landscapes and their component parts, amidst the many competing demands that impact upon them.

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### **Member Champion for Engagement:**

Yvonne Witter

I have been the Member Champion for Engagement since 2020 and would like to continue in this role.

I aspire to be a Member Champion for Engagement because it is natural to me and encompassed my learning and understanding to develop awareness, increase and widen connection with the national park.

I have developed partnership working with groups and organisations, to foster a greater awareness, understanding and connection to the national park among different communities, to increase the diversity of people benefiting from the national park as participants, volunteers and ultimately green careers.

I have and continue to work with Engagement Rangers in introducing others to the national park, to educate, empower and remove barriers to access, both perceived and actual, thus allowing people to visit the national park themselves, and enabling them to add another element to their culture and heritage.

I feel comfortable to support Officers and volunteers in promoting the national park to others as a place to explore and enjoy in carrying out their role and meeting the aims and objectives as set out in management plan - A national park for everyone.

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### **Member Champion for Thriving and Sustainable Communities:**

Ms Annabelle Harling

I would be happy to continue as Member Champion for Thriving and Sustainable Communities if elected, and to keep a focus on the Authority's Statutory Duty to seek to

foster the social & economic wellbeing of communities within the National Park. In my first year of holding this role I have endeavoured to ensure that the voice of local communities is heard, particularly in the Local Plan review process and in the development of the new National Park Management Plan. I believe it is important that the Authority generates new thinking around the challenges communities face today and in future, particularly in terms of affordable housing, employment, sustainable travel and climate change - as well as engaging communities as major stakeholders in looking after this beautiful place.

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**Member Champion for Climate Change** – no statements received.

**Member Champion for Business Economy** – no statements received.

**Member Champion of Member Learning & Development** – no statements received.

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## **2022 Appointments to Outside Bodies**

### **Outside Body - Sheffield City Region (now South Yorkshire CA):**

Chris Furness

Until DDDC was made to switch to D2N2 by the Government, I was Chair of the Scrutiny Committee and a member of the finance committee at SCRCA, so am well known there and know who to talk to about PDNPA issues.

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### **Outside Body - Moors for the Future Partnership:**

Cllr Ginny Priestley

I am applying for this role again this year and hope now that the pandemic restrictions have eased that I can work closer with the team to give ever support to this important work. I am newly retired with a commercial sales background and very enthusiastic about the great work that the MFTF team are carrying out, which I believe is important that we continue for many years to come.

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### **Outside Body – Stanage Forum Steering Group:**

Mr Ken Smith

I would like to put my name forward for the role of Deputy for the **Stanage Forum**, based on my previous involvement in the development of the Forum and conservation management of the North Lees estate, the archaeological survey of the North Lees estate in 1991, engagement with NHLF that led eventually to the current £10k grant and, as President of the Hunter Archaeological Society, in the continued archaeological work at North Lees.

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