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## SUPPLEMENT TO MAIN AGENDA

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National Park Authority Meeting 7July 2023

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- 6. Report of the Member Appointment Process Panel** *(Pages 3 - 16)*  
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## 2023 Statements Received for Positions of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority

### Chair of the Authority:

#### Mr Ken Smith

During my 5 years as a Secretary of State (SoS) appointee (and 34 years as a PDNPA officer), including three years as Vice-Chair of Planning Committee, I have been committed to the successful delivery of Authority purposes, duty and policies. Through membership and being Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee plus 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.

The NPA 'team' includes both Members and staff, the former providing strategic advice and guidance, the latter focussed on operational delivery. It will be vital to deliver the organisational review (including the new pay structure), ensure effective implementation of the new format and maximise morale to ensure effective delivery of our developing Management Plan and Local Plan policies, by us and by our partners.

Pursuit of our statutory purposes and duty, through our policy base, includes (neither prioritised nor exhaustive):

- Addressing the over-arching resourcing issues facing the Authority
- Resolving the issues around future provision of information to our visitors and residents
- Continuing our move towards net zero, while addressing other climate-change issues e.g. involving transport, agriculture and nature recovery
- Listening to and supporting our communities, of both place and interest, through provision e.g. of affordable housing, sustainable employment and visitor education and management
- Ensuring effective and appropriately resourced planning and enforcement provision
- Managing change across the landscapes of the Peak District by maintaining their essential character, the 'scenery' that visitors come to admire (that distinctive combination of landscape, nature, cultural heritage) and whose input is a significant pillar of the local economy
- Reviewing governance in light of organisational change
- Continuing to deliver agri-environment opportunities for our farmers and land managers, through FiPL and other developing Environmental Land management schemes
- Maintaining our ambition, profile and leadership as a pioneering (and the first) national park

I believe I have the skills and experience to lead the Authority, as Chair, through the above issues (and those not listed!). I have, in the past, chaired the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers for both England and the UK, creating that current structure; engaged with civil servants and ministers in the development and delivery of agri-environment schemes; delivered governance review while President of the Royal Archaeological Institute. I am currently Chair of Trustees of the Council for British Archaeology (a national archaeological and educational charity), President of Sheffield's Hunter Archaeological Society and Chair of the Bakewell and District Historical Society.

My years as an officer and as a Member underline my commitment to the current and future management and development of the National Park, utilising my skills and expertise through what I consider to be complementary rather than conflicting experiences. I would be proud to be elected Chair and would, of course, serve to the best of my ability.

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

Mr James Berresford

I am keen to continue 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.

As the Authority has begun to address the challenges of a flat cash settlement from DEFRA and spiralling energy costs, it has had to take a realistic view of its future structure. This has not been an easy process, but I believe the Authority has taken a pragmatic and considered approach to the review thus far. There is still more work to be done in finalising and implementing the review, and I believe my continued role as Deputy Chair would provide consistency to the process. My relationship with the Authority's outgoing Chair has been particularly fruitful. I would, however, like the opportunity to foster a working relationship with the new Chair as we navigate another challenging year and to provide continuity in this crucial leadership role.

The spectre of rapidly worsening climate change and the long-term impact on the area's precious landscapes and delicate ecosystems demands determined action by the Authority. I am keen to support the Authority's response to this as Deputy Chair.

My experience in change management would serve me well as we embrace the challenges and opportunities set by the National Park's recently launched Management Plan. Success in this regard can only be achieved through an energetic approach to partnership working. I believe this is one of my greatest strengths, which, combined with the excellent local and national networks I possess, further supports my bid to continue as Deputy Chair of the Authority.

I would like again to represent the Authority on the East Midlands Councils Board. Thus, ensuring the Authority is connected to the developments associated with the proposed Combined Authority for the East Midlands.

Finally, I would welcome the opportunity to be nominated as one of the Authority's representatives on the Peak District National Park Foundation. I believe that now that the Foundation has become well established, there are new opportunities to raise income through enhanced visitor giving. I have experience with such initiatives from other areas of my working life.

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## 2023 Statements Received for Positions of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees

### Chair of Planning Committee:

#### Cllr Patrick Brady

I have served as **Chair of Planning Committee** for a year and am seeking members' approval to renew my appointment.

I am resident in the Park, and my roots in it go back a long way. Its environment and communities are important to me. I have served on the Authority since 2012 and over that time have been an involved and questioning Member of the Planning Committee.

My professional career at a senior level in local government gave me a solid understanding of regeneration, particularly through heritage, and of the policy and legal sides of planning: I have been closely involved in the preparation of several local plans. A review of our Local Plan is now under way where I believe my knowledge and background will be of service to the Authority. If I am re-appointed as Chair, I will:

- Work for consistent and reasonable decision-making that meets members' priorities whilst looking after what is special about the Park
  - Look for improved monitoring and performance, especially in planning enforcement
  - Continue to argue for policies and decisions that meet local housing and economic needs, and the interests of our communities, whilst conserving what is important about this much-loved and used National Park
  - Try to achieve wider discussion and involvement in policy development so that the policies of the new Local Plan are more widely owned by members
  - Foster an open approach between the public and the planning process.
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## **Vice Chair of Planning Committee:**

### Cllr Patrick Brady

See above statement for Chair of Planning Committee

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### Cllr Mike Chaplin

Apart from one year, I have been a local authority member of the PDNPA and it's planning committee since July 2018. I completed NPA training alongside Ken Smith at the New Forest National Park Authority and recommend NPA training to every member of the PDNPA that has not already taken this up.

I have a good record for attending both the planning committee and preceding site visits. I am up to date with the mandatory training for this Planning Committee so I have a sound understanding of the requirements and expectations on Planning Committee members so as to fulfil our statutory duty. As Planning Committee members, we have to be mindful of the Sandford principles that place a very high premium on the beauty of this much-loved Peak District landscape when considering any development and yet still strike a balance with the fact that the landscape is not a wilderness but inhabited land, with an ancient heritage that continues to be worked for agricultural and mining purposes.

Coming from Sheffield, I live four miles from the PDNPA boundary and represent a ward in the north of the City. One third of Sheffield City Council land is located within the boundary of the PDNPA and Sheffield is one of only two cities (the other is Brighton & Hove) that have land situated in a National Park.

The role of a Deputy Chair, like that for the Chair, although less onerous, is to enable committee members to come to a decision. To do that, it is important to enable the different opinions of members to be heard and reconcile those differences of view where possible to reach a position that is acceptable within the planning committee's framework.

This year I was appointed a Joint Chair of Sheffield City Council's Planning & Highways Committee on Sheffield City Council. Having retired from fulltime work in 2020, I have the time and energy to contribute to the work of the Planning Committee at this level throughout the coming year and welcome your support.

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### Cllr Virginia Priestley

I am asking for your support in voting for me in the positions that I am applying for with in the Peak Park Authority.

Having been a member of the National Park Authority for the past 4 years I believe I have built up an understanding of how the Authority works. I retired from being a Sales Manager of a food company last year where I managed a multimillion-pound portfolio made up of Supermarkets which included Tesco, Aldi, Lidl and Morrisons, my career has given me experience in negotiations, presentations and profitability management.

Coming from a farming family and living in one of the 'Honey spots' of Peak Park, I have a good understanding of the potential gains but also the pressures put on our local communities. I'm Vice Chairman of Bamford with Thornhill Parish Council and Chairman of MFDC Ltd, the company that owns the site where Hope Show is held.

I have been a member of the planning committee for the past year and am applying for the position of Vice Chair, during the year I have learned quite a lot about the planning process and policies and whilst I fully appreciate that this is an ongoing journey of learning, I feel well qualified from a long career involving the Chairing of meetings and a willingness to complete any further education necessary. I have a good attendance record for both planning committee and tours.

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### Mr Ken Smith

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If I am not elected Chair of the Authority, I would welcome the opportunity to continue as Vice-Chair of this Committee. The comments in the initial paragraph above apply equally to my ability to fulfil the role of Vice-Chair, continuing to support the Chair and the Membership through that position.

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 5 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 three 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 three years enables me to bring an appropriate skill-set to the role of Vice-Chair. In addition, my wide experience of delivering national park purposes enables me further to support the Chair of the Committee, and the Membership, and make informed contributions through the Chairs' and Vice-Chairs' and other appropriate meetings/briefings.

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**.

I aspire to be the Authority Member representative on the **Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee (DAAC)**. I was officer representative on that Committee from its inception on the mid 1980s until 2017 and, variously, Secretary and Treasurer over that period. Given my archaeological background, knowledge of the Peak District and the Authority, I consider I am well-placed to represent the interests of the Authority and the cultural heritage of the Peak District as Member representative on the DAAC.

Having been Deputy Member for the **Stanage Forum Steering Group** in 2022/23, and attended all their meetings, I aspire to continue in this role because of the knowledge and experience used and acquired over the last year, on top of my previous involvement in the initial development of the Forum and the conservation management of the North Lees estate, the archaeological survey of the estate in 1991 and, as President of Sheffield's Hunter Archaeological Society, in the continued archaeological work at North Lees.

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

### Professor Janet Haddock-Fraser

I would be delighted if Members could support me for re-election as Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee for 2023-24.

I am starting my second four-year term as a Secretary of State Member and during my first four years I have been involved as follows:

- Chair P&R 2022-3
- Deputy Chair P&R 2020-22
- Climate Change Member Champion 2020-23

I have served as a member of the Management Plan Task and Finish Group, which set the Management Plan aims on which the P&R 'programme themes' are now based and advised on the Authority's corporate strategy. I have been a member of the Local Plan Steering Group and Budget Monitoring Group and during the last year have served on the Organisational Change Working Group, assisting the CEO and senior team. Additionally, I participated in the planning and delivery of the Transport Symposium to key stakeholders (February 2023). Between them, these have given me a clear understanding of these core elements of the Authority's purposes, duties, working practices and scope.

Set out briefly below is how I believe 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 hold two outside appointments of relevance – first, as Chair Designate for the Land Trust; second, Chair of the National Trust Regional Advisory Group (North). Both these charities share similar objectives to that of the PDNPA and my involvement enables knowledge transfer for mutual benefit.

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**

### Cllr Charles Greaves

I would be grateful for your support for my re-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 11 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, and whilst I have no idea if am related I am happy to claim the link!

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

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### Cllr Andrew Gregory

I have put forward my nomination to be appointed in the role of vice chair to the P & R Committee.

For the benefit of new members to the Authority, I set out a short summary of my career and experience.

I am an experienced solicitor having worked for 5 firms of solicitors for over 40 years. My experience is in business and commercial matters. I was a member of the board of a national

firm of solicitors based in Manchester for over 25 years. I therefore gained consideration experience in management of business.

In 2016, I set up a new law firm which focusses on helping small to medium sized business with all manner of legal and regulatory issues which they may encounter.

I have also served on a number of boards in the charitable sector, and I am presently a trustee of the Rossendale Trust.

In May 2019 I was elected as the local councillor for the Cheshire East Sutton ward which includes some of the villages within the PDNPA boundary. At the July 2019 AGM my appointment as Cheshire East Councillor to the PDNPA commenced until May this year.

I live in Rainow which is one of the villages where part of the area is located within the PDNPA boundary.

During the past two years I have served on the P & R Committee.

I believe that the wide range of business which the Committee considers sits well with my experience and interests. The new National Park Management Plan is now enshrined in the Authority's operations. Making sure that the Authority is able to continue to work within the plan and deal with the challenges facing National Parks is clearly an essential part of the Committee's role.

My interests lie in combating climate change, preserving landscape and helping to introduce a more diverse audience to National Parks. All matters which the Committee will no doubt consider in detail during the next 4 years. I am keen to play an active part in the manner in which the Committee helps to guide the Authority through these various challenges.

In view of my wish to build on my experience and involvement with the PDNPA during the past 4 years, I sought election to the Rainow Parish Council in May of this year and was appointed in an uncontested election.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> June I received confirmation from DEFRA that my appointment as a Secretary of State appointee was confirmed which is why this note is only now being submitted to the Authority.

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## **2023 Statements Received for Positions of Member Champions**

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

#### Cllr Charlotte Farrell

I am putting myself forward for this role despite a lack of farming experience because I believe the biodiversity crisis is as big a threat to humanity as Climate change and that the Park could do more than it currently does in the face of this existential threat.

We urgently need to update the biodiversity action plan, the last one ran from 2011 – 2020 this cannot be acceptable in a National Park and is perhaps indicative of the lack of importance placed upon biodiversity within the Park.

Biodiversity and farming are intrinsically linked. Monocultures such as rye grass or management of moorland exclusively for grouse have no place in a National Park, where we would expect to find species diversity and abundance. I would advocate for an extension to schemes such as FIPL to encourage land managers to adopt practices that benefit nature. Food production is vital but we need to encourage regenerative farming practices to allow biodiversity to flourish. We also need to encourage land use which sequesters rather than emits carbon to meet our climate change targets nationally and locally. I am very aware of the threats facing upland farmers from increased and at times irresponsible visitors and in the Dark Peak have been pressing High Peak Borough Council and to take its responsibility to prevent fires more seriously.

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

#### Mr Ken Smith

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I aspire to continue in this position to fulfil the remit of my SoS appointment 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 5 years as a SoS Member, the last four years as Member Champion for Cultural Heritage and Landscapes. During those four 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; my previous membership of the Historic England Advisory Committee and National Trust Archaeology Panel; and my past and present input to national agri-environment scheme historic environment policy development and implementation. I provide heritage advice and guidance to the National Trust as a Specialist Volunteer and participate in independent research projects, currently reviewing the traditional farm building conservation pilot, assessing it for continuation into Environmental Land Management.

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**

Ms Yvonne Witter

I am keen to continue as the Member Champion for Engagement for PDNPA.

I have provided support and worked with others to promote the national park to communities and organisations to increase number of visitors and support business in the national park.

Accessing and enjoying the national park brings people joy, opportunities for recreation, improves health and wellbeing, and builds a sense of belonging.

Collaboration with different groups and organisations in Sheffield, Derby and Nottingham has enabled greater engagement with different communities in building relationship to support more visits to the Peak District.

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 continued to develop 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 for people visiting for the first time – families, women only group, staff group (health and wellbeing events), to educate, empower and remove barriers to access, both perceived and actual, thus allowing people to visit the peak 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 Climate Change**

Cllr Charlotte Farrell

Climate change and biodiversity loss are the biggest threats to humanity and the world as it currently exists. The Park has recognised this but there is always more it could be doing in the face of this existential threat.

We have already produced the Climate Change vulnerability assessment, which recognises the stresses on the environment I would work to ensure that the Park strives to reduce the risks identified. It is also crucial that the goals set out in the new Management Plan are achieved. I accept that we have few actual powers to effect change (other than in planning). We therefore need to show leadership through using our influence in the many forums to which we contribute and I would work to this regard. We should be educating our residents, businesses and visitors as to the impact that their activities have on the Park and wider environment. The Park has

successfully encouraged a greater diversity of visitors, and I would work to ensure the Park now focusses on responsible enjoyment of the Park by both visitors and local people.

Fulfilment of all the Park's purposes is affected by climate change and the ways we use the land. The emerging Local Plan is an excellent opportunity to show the Park takes these issues seriously and is prepared to act. I will advocate accordingly as the Plan is developed.

As a member of the development control committee and the local plan committee at High Peak Borough Council I understand the processes involved. As a campaigner on sustainable transport, and as a committed environmentalist, I am well placed to champion climate action.

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## **Member Champion for Business Economy**

### Cllr Andrew Gregory

I have put forward my nomination to be re-appointed as Business Champion to the role following election at the AGM at the AGM in July 2022.

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During the past four years I have sought to use my commercial knowledge in providing advice and commentary to the Authority and in particular providing support to the Chief Executive.

I was part of the working party which was involved in the appointment of Phil Mulligan in the summer of 2022. I have amongst other projects provided the Authority with my comments on the operation of the PDNPA Legal Team and continue to work with Phil on this aspect.

Moving forward, I seek to build on the knowledge that I have obtained as an Authority member and continue to use my commercial and legal skills to assist Phil and the officers in meeting the various challenges which the Park faces.

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**Member Champion for Thriving and Sustainable Communities** – no statements received

**Member Champion for Member Learning and Development** - no statements received

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## **2023 Appointments to Outside Bodies**

### **Outside Body – Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee**

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### **Outside Body – Moors for the Future Partnership**

Cllr Ginny Priestley

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I very much admire the work that Moors for the Future Partnership are doing and believe I can add value to this as Chairman which I see as very much a support role with the Park Authority as the lead and responsible partner working in tandem with all the other partners. The Chairs role is ambassadorial, interacting with the key audience to help with the raising of awareness and funds, and I believe that my extensive work experience will be an asset.

The reversal of the historical de-generation and building of knowledge base and actions to regenerate these vast moorlands is a very positive thing to be involved in providing a major help to our aims of reaching net zero, supporting nature, reducing flooding, improving water quality plus many more benefits.

I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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

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