



MINUTES

Meeting:	National Park Authority
Date:	Friday 3 July 2015 at 10.00 am
Venue:	The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell
Chair:	Cllr Mrs L C Roberts
Present:	Mr P Ancell, Mrs F Beatty, Cllr D Birkinshaw, Cllr P Brady, Cllr C Carr, Cllr D Chapman, Cllr A R Favell, Cllr C Furness, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr Mrs N Hawkins, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr Mrs C Howe, Cllr H Laws, Cllr S Marshall-Clarke, Cllr A McCloy, Ms S McGuire, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr Mrs N Turner, Cllr Mrs J A Twigg, Cllr F J Walton, Cllr G Weatherall and Cllr D Williams
Apologies for absence:	Mrs P Anderson, Cllr D Greenhalgh, Ms S Leckie, Cllr J Macrae and Mrs E Sayer

91/15 ELECTION OF AUTHORITY CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR (A.111/JS)

Cllr D Chapman, the Deputy Chair of the Authority, presided for the appointment of the Chair of the Authority for 2015/16.

Two Members, Cllr C Furness and Cllr Mrs L Roberts, had expressed an interest in the role of Chair of the Authority and provided a written statement, circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting. The two nominations were moved seconded and, in accordance with Standing Order 1.12(4), the voting was carried out in the form of ballot.

Following the ballot Cllr Mrs L Roberts was appointed as Chair of the Authority for 2015/16, she thanked Members for electing her and then presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Two Members Cllr D Chapman and Cllr Mrs J Twigg had expressed an interest in the role of Deputy Chair of the Authority and provided a written statement, circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting. The two nominations were moved seconded and, in accordance with Standing Order 1.12(4), the voting was carried out in the form of ballot.

Following the ballot Cllr D Chapman was appointed as Deputy Chair of the Authority for 2015/16.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To appoint Cllr Mrs L Roberts as Chair of the Authority for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting in July 2016.**

2. **To appoint Cllr D Chapman as Deputy Chair of the Authority for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting in July 2016.**

92/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 6 JUNE 2015

The minutes of the Authority held on 5 June 2015 were approved as a correct record subject to recording apologies for absence from Cllr C McLaren.

93/15 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

94/15 EX-OFFICIO APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

At the meeting of the Authority held on 5 June 2015 Cllr P Brady moved a motion, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Twigg, proposing amendments to the Standing Orders relating to the key appointments and Ex-Officio Committee Membership. At that meeting, in accordance with Standing Orders, consideration of the motion was adjourned to this meeting because, if approved, it would require an amendment to Part 1 of the Authority's Standing Orders. As submitted the motion was split into Part A which addressed issues relating to Ex-Officio appointments and Part B which included proposals to replace the existing appointment principles with "democratic principles"

As the proposals relating to Ex-Officio Membership of Committee would have an impact on the Committee appointments to be made later in the meeting the Chair had agreed to consider Part A of the motion in advance of the appointments. Before discussing the motion the Members were reminded that, although a formal decision had not yet made, the Authority had indicated previously that there was support for this part of the motion.

The Democratic Services Manager introduced this item by providing officer feedback on the proposals and confirming that part A of the motion on the table at the start of the debate was as follows:-

1. That a new Standing Order 1.3A be introduced to read as follows:
 - a) The Authority shall approve and thereafter keep under review a statement, to be known as "the Democratic Principles", the purpose of which shall include advice to guide Members on factors to be taken into consideration when electing or appointing Members to an office or position.
 - b) Before the Authority elects or appoints a Member to a position of responsibility, the Chief Executive shall draw to the attention of members the Democratic Principles or the relevant section thereof.
2. That Standing Orders 1.4(2) and 1.39(2) be omitted.
3. That Standing Order 1.40 (Appointment of Standing Committees) be amended by the deletion of:
 - a) Para 3(i) (The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority to be ex-officio)
 - b) Para 3(iii) (The Chair of the other Standing Committees to be ex-officio)
 - c) Para 4 (The Vice-Chair to attend ex-officio if the Chair is absent)

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4. That there be substituted for Standing Order 1.45 (Ex-officio Membership of National Park Authority Meeting – Part A Committees and Sub-committees) the following:
 - 1) On the basis set out in Paras (2) and (4) below, Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority or the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Standing Committees may attend meetings of Standing Committees other than those to which they have been appointed subject to the normal rules governing debate and participation in meetings, and may take part in the discussion (but may not vote nor propose a motion or amendment) unless:
 - (i) it would be unlawful or contrary to any of the Authority's procedures, codes or other protocols to do so; or
 - (ii) the Authority or, in the case of the appointment of a Sub-committee, the Committee in a particular case determines otherwise.
 - (2) The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority and a Chair of a Committee may attend a meeting of a Standing Committee;
 - (3) The Chair of a Committee may attend a meeting of a Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee on the same basis as in Para (1) above;
 - (4) Under Paras (2) and (3), the Chair of a Committee may appoint the Vice-Chair to attend in his/her place.

Following the introduction Cllr P Brady spoke to his motion and the suggested amendments included in the Officer response. A proposal to amend the motion to reflect the changes proposed in paragraph 5 of the Officer's report and a second proposal to allocate the local authority member places on Planning Committee was moved, seconded put to the vote and carried.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

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 - b) Para 3(iii) (The Chair of the other Standing Committees to be ex-officio)
 - c) Para 4 (The Vice-Chair to attend ex-officio if the Chair is absent)
3. That there be substituted for Standing Order 1.45 (Ex-officio Membership of National Park Authority Meeting – Part A Committees and Sub-committees) the following:
 - 1) On the basis set out in Paras (2) and (4) below, Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority or the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Standing Committees may

attend meetings of Standing Committees other than those to which they have been appointed subject to the normal rules governing debate and participation in meetings, and may take part in the discussion (but may not vote nor propose a motion or amendment) unless:

- (i) it would be unlawful or contrary to any of the Authority's procedures, codes or other protocols to do so; or
- (ii) the Authority or, in the case of the appointment of a Sub-Committee, the Committee in a particular case determines otherwise.

- (2) The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority and a Chair of a Committee may attend a meeting of a Standing Committee;
- (3) The Chair of a Committee may attend a meeting of a Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee on the same basis as in Para (1) above;
- (4) Under Paras (2) and (3), the Chair of a Committee may appoint the Vice-Chair to attend in his/her place.

4. To delete the heading before Standing Order 1.45 "EX-OFFICIO ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES" and place the revised Standing Order 1.45 under the heading "MEMBERS RIGHTS TO ATTEND AND SPEAK AT COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES"

5. To review the impact of the changes at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

6. To allocate Local Authority Member places on Planning Committee as follows:

Derbyshire County Council	1
Derbyshire Dales District Council	1
High Peak Borough Council	1
Cheshire East Borough Council	1
Staffordshire CC/Staffordshire Moorlands DC	1
Metropolitan District Councils/ N E Derbyshire DC	3
Total	8

95/15 REPORT OF THE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS PROCESS PANEL - APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS, ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, PANELS, ADVISORY GROUPS, MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ROLES AND OUTSIDE BODIES (A.111/JS)

The meeting considered the report of the Member Appointments Process Panel and considered each of the appointments in the order set out recommendations 1 to 11 in the report. In most cases the appointments were moved, seconded and approved in accordance with the expressions of interest in the report. Any changes to the report are identified below:

Planning Committee

Members were advised that, under the previously agreed principles for allocating places on Planning Committee to Members appointed by a Local Authority, Members appointed by Derbyshire County Council had been allocated one place. As Cllr Mrs J A Twigg and

Cllr D Williams had both expressed an interest, the Authority voted on the appointment and Cllr Mrs J A Twigg was appointed to the Planning Committee.

It was agreed that as 6 Secretary of State Members has expressed an interest in being appointed to Planning Committee there would be 1 Secretary of State vacancy on the Committee.

Audit Resources and Performance Committee

In light of the earlier appointment of Cllr Mrs J A Twigg to Planning Committee, Cllr D Williams was appointed to Audit, Resources and Performance Committee. To accommodate the expressions of interest from Secretary of State Members it was agreed that there would be 16 places on the Committee with 8 allocated to Local Authority Members and 8 allocated to Secretary of State Members.

Local Joint Committee

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs C Howe be appointed to fill the Local Authority Member vacancy on the Committee.

Appeals Panel

It was agreed that Cllr J Walton be appointed to fill the Local Authority Member vacancy on the Panel.

Strategic Advisory Group

Cllr Mrs J A Twigg was appointed to fill the Local Authority Member vacancy on the Advisory Group. It was noted that all Members were welcome to attend meetings of the Group and, subject to agreement from the Chair, to speak on items under discussion.

Appointment to Member Representative Roles

The Authority agreed to continue the arrangement with Cllr P Brady and Mr Z Hamid sharing the People and Communities role but agreed that this principle should not apply to the Biodiversity Role. Mr R Helliwell therefore withdrew his expression of interest and as there were no further nominations Mrs P Anderson was appointed.

Mrs F Beatty withdrew her expression of interest in the Economy role and as there were no further nominations Cllr C Furness was appointed.

The nominations for Cllr A Favell and Cllr C Furness to the Asset Management role were moved and seconded, voted on, and Cllr A Favell was appointed.

It was agreed that the Member Learning and Development role would remain vacant pending a review on the Member Representative roles to reflect the new Corporate Strategy.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To appoint the following Members to the offices of Chair and Vice Chair of the Standing Committees until the Annual Meeting in July 2016:**

Planning Committee

Chair: Mr P Ancell
Vice Chair: Cllr D Birkinshaw

Audit Resources & Performance Committee **Chair:** **Cllr A McCloy**
Vice- Chair **Cllr C Furness**

2. **To appoint Members to the Planning Committee, and the Audit Resources and Performance Committee as set out below until the Annual Meeting in July 2016:**

Planning

Chair: Mr P Ancell
Vice Chair: Cllr D Birkinshaw

Cllr R P H Brady
Cllr C Carr
Cllr D Chapman
Cllr Mrs N Hawkins
Mr R Helliwell
Cllr Mrs C Howe
Cllr H Laws
Cllr J Macrae
Ms S McGuire
Cllr Mrs K Potter
Cllr Mrs J Twigg
Cllr G Weatherall
Vacancy (SoS Member)

Audit Resources & Performance

Chair: Cllr A McCloy
Vice Chair: Cllr C Furness

Mrs P Anderson
Mrs F Beatty
Cllr A Favell
Cllr D Greenhalgh
Mr Z Hamid
Cllr Mrs C G Heath
Ms S Leckie
Cllr S Marshall-Clarke
Cllr C McClaren
Cllr Mrs L Roberts
Mrs E Sayer
Cllr Mrs N Turner
Cllr J Walton
Cllr D Williams

3. **To appoint the following Members to the Urgent Business Items Sub-Committee until the Annual Meeting in July 2016:**

Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority

Cllr Mrs L Roberts
Cllr D Chapman

Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee

Mr P Ancell
Cllr D Birkinshaw

Chair and Vice Chair of Audit Resources and Performance Committee

Cllr A McCloy
Cllr C Furness

4. **To appoint the following Members to the Local Joint Committee until the Annual Meeting in July 2016:**

Cllr D Birkinshaw
Cllr D Chapman
Cllr C Furness
Cllr Mrs C Howe
Cllr Mrs J Twigg

Cllr C Carr
Cllr A Favell
Mr Z Hamid
Cllr Mrs K Potter

5. **To appoint the following Members to the Appeals Panel until the Annual Meeting in July 2016:**

Cllr D Chapman
Cllr Mrs N Turner
Cllr Mrs J Twigg

Mr P Ancell
Cllr R P H Brady
Cllr A Favell

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| Cllr J Walton | Cllr A McCloy |
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6. **To appoint the following Members to the Strategic Advisory Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2016:**
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| Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority | Cllr Mrs L Roberts
Cllr D Chapman |
| Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee | Mr P Ancell
Cllr D Birkinshaw |
| Chair and Vice Chair of Audit Resources and Performance Committee | Cllr A McCloy
Cllr C Furness |
| Councillor Secretary of State Parish | Cllr Mrs J A Twigg
Mrs F Beatty
Cllr R P H Brady |
7. **To appoint the following Members to the Budget Monitoring Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2016:**
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| Chair and Vice Chair of Audit Resources and Performance Committee | Cllr A McCloy
Cllr C Furness |
| Chair of the Authority | Cllr Mrs L Roberts |
| One other member | Mrs F Beatty |
8. **To appoint the following Members to Member Representative roles until the Annual Meeting in July 2016:**
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| Asset Management | Cllr A Favell |
| Biodiversity | Mrs P Anderson |
| Climate Change | Cllr A McCloy |
| Cultural Heritage | Ms S McGuire |
| Economy | Cllr C Furness |
| Landscape | Mr R Helliwell |
| Member Learning & Development | Vacant |
| People & Communities | Cllr R P H Brady & Mr Z Hamid |
| Planning Enforcement | Cllr D Chapman |
| Promoting Understanding | Ms S Leckie |
| Recreation | Mrs E Sayer |
| Tourism | Cllr Mrs J Twigg |
9. **To appoint Members and Deputy Members to the Outside Bodies as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the Minutes. The appointments to expire at the Annual Meeting in July 2016.**
10. **To confirm that all the above appointments are approved duties for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances.**
11. **To ask Members appointed to member representative roles and outside bodies to produce a short annual report on activities, as appropriate, to be circulated in June 2016 as part of preparations for the 2016 Annual Meeting.**

96/15 MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE ANNUAL RETURN (A.111/JS)

The meeting considered the annual return of Member's attendance at Authority and Committee meetings and Training and Development events for 2014/15.

RESOLVED:

To note the annual return of members' attendance for 2014/15.

97/15 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2016 (A.111/RC)

The meeting considered a report setting out proposals for a schedule of meetings from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016.

RESOLVED:

To approve the calendar of meetings for 2016 as set out in appendix 2 of these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned from 11.30am to 11.40am following consideration of this item.

98/15 NOTICE OF MOTION - CLLR P BRADY

At the meeting of the Authority held on 5 June 2015 Cllr P Brady moved a motion, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Twigg, proposing amendments to the Standing Orders relating to the key Member appointments and Ex-Officio Committee Membership. At that meeting, in accordance with Standing Orders, consideration of the motion was adjourned to this meeting because if approved it would require an amendment to Part 1 of the Authority's Standing Orders. As submitted the motion was split into Part A which addressed issues relating to Ex-Officio appointments and Part B which included proposals to replace the existing appointment principles with "democratic principles". Consideration of most of Part A of the motion took place earlier in the meeting as the proposals relating to Ex-Officio Membership of Committee would have an impact on the Committee appointments to be made later in the meeting (Minute 94/15 refers).

The Democratic Services Manager introduced this item by providing officer feedback on the proposals and confirming that the motion on the table at the start of the debate was as follows:-

Part A (Deferred from earlier discussions)

1. That a new Standing Order 1.3A be introduced to read as follows:
 - a) The Authority shall approve and thereafter keep under review a statement, to be known as "the Democratic Principles", the purpose of which shall include advice to guide Members on factors to be taken into consideration when electing or appointing Members to an office or position.
 - b) Before the Authority elects or appoints a Member to a position of responsibility, the Chief Executive shall draw to the attention of members the Democratic Principles or the relevant section thereof.

Part B

That there be substituted for the Appointment Principles, the Democratic Principles as set out in the appendix. (A copy is attached as appendix 3 of these minutes.)

In speaking to his motion Cllr P Brady provided the background to the preparation of the motion and the reasons for proposing the “Democratic Principles”. Following his introduction Cllr Brady proposed that consideration of this part of the motion be deferred until the October meeting to provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to meet and develop proposals to address the issues highlighted during the discussions and the comments in the officer response.

RESOLVED

1. **To defer consideration of the remaining elements of the motion set out above until the October meeting of the Authority.**

2. **To appoint the following Members to a working group to meet with officers to consider a response to the issues raised:**

**Cllr P Brady
Mr Z Hamid**

**Cllr C Furness
Cllr Mrs N Hawkins**

3. **To confirm that attendance at meetings of the working group are an approved duty for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances.**

99/15 UPDATE ON NATIONAL PARKS UK AND NATIONAL PARKS ENGLAND MEETINGS 8-9 JUNE 2015 IN NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK (CLLR LESLEY ROBERTS)

The Chair introduced a report providing an update on National Parks UK and National Parks England meetings held on 8-9 June 2015 highlighting the following issues:

- Public engagement
- Brand development
- National Parks Partnerships Ltd
- National Parks England
- The National Parks England Board

Members congratulated the Chair on her recent appointment as Deputy Chair of the National Parks England Board.

While introducing the report the Chair provided details of a recent publication “So much more than the view” setting out the wide range of benefits that England’s Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks provided to society.

The Chair also provided an update on equality and diversity discussions with Defra in preparation, for filling future Secretary of State vacancies and news that the Government was not progressing plans for directly elected Members.

RESOLVED: To note the report.

100/15 EXEMPT INFORMATION S100 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED:

To exclude the public be from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item No 14 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A)(4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Paragraph 4: "Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the Authority".

The Committee determined the following items and full details are contained in the exempt minutes:

101/14 Fit for Purpose Organisational Design (SLF)

The meeting ended at 12:40pm

APPENDIX 1

APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2015/16

Campaign for National Parks

Member: Councillor Lesley Roberts
Deputy: Mr Paul Ancell
Deputy: Mr Zahid Hamid

Culture Derbyshire

Member: Councillor Chris Carr

Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership Rural Forum

Member: Councillor Judith Twigg
Deputy: Councillor Chris Carr

Derbyshire Archeological Advisory Committee

Member: Councillor Chris Furness

Derbyshire Environment Trust

Member: Mr Robert Helliwell
Deputy: Vacant

Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Stakeholder Engagement Forum

Member: Councillor Judith Twigg

Derbyshire Partnership Forum

Member: Councillor David Chapman
Deputy: Councillor Judith Twigg

Derbyshire Sport

Member: Councillor Dave Williams
Deputy: Mrs Emma Sayer

Derwent Valley Community Rail Partnership

Member: Councillor Chris Furness

East Midland Councils

Member: Councillor Judith Twigg
Deputy: Councillor David Chapman

Europarc

Member: Councillor Lesley Roberts

Hope Valley and High Peak Community Rail Partnership

Member: Mr Robert Helliwell

Land Managers Forum

Chair: Councillor Lesley Roberts
Deputy Chair: Councillor David Chapman
Member: Mrs Frances Beatty
Member: Mr Robert Helliwell

Moors for the Future Partnership Group

Chair: Councillor David Chapman

Deputy Chair: Mrs Penny Anderson
Reserve: Mr Robert Helliwell

National Parks England

Deputy Chair: Councillor Lesley Roberts

National Parks UK

Member: Councillor Lesley Roberts

National Parks Management Plan Advisory Group

Member: Councillor David Chapman

Oldham and National Park Partnership

Member: Councillor Colin McLaren

Peak District and Derbyshire Destination Management Partnership Board

Member: Councillor Judith Twigg

Deputy: Councillor Steve Marshall-Clarke

Peak District Interpretation Partnership

Member: Ms Suzanne Leckie

Peak District Local Access Forum

Member: Councillor John Walton

Peak District Local Nature Partnership

Member: Mrs Penny Anderson

Deputy: Mr Robert Helliwell

Peak District National Park Youth Forum Group

Member: Mr Zahid Hamid

Peak District Parishes' Forum Annual Liaison Meeting

Member: Councillor Lesley Roberts

Deputy: Vacant

Peak District Partnership

Member: Councillor Judith Twigg

Deputy: Councillor Patrick Brady

Pedal Peak District Member Reference Group

Member: Councillor Chris Furness

Rural Action Derbyshire

Member: Councillor Andrew McCloy

Sheffield City Region Forum

Member: Councillor Lesley Roberts

Deputy: Mr Zahid Hamid

Staffordshire Destination Management Partnership

Member: Mrs Frances Beatty

Stanage Forum Steering Group

Member: Ms Stella McGuire

APPENDIX 2



Programme of Meetings 2016

Appendix 2

Bank Holidays

2016 - 1 Jan, 25 & 28 March, 2 & 30 May, 29 Aug
26 & 27 Dec

All Meetings/Events start at 10am except where shown

		2016											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Authority			5	18		27		1 AGM			7		2
Audit Resources & Performance		22		4		20		22		16		4	
Local Joint							10						2 13.0pm
Planning		15	12	11	15	13	17	15	12	9	14	11	9
Site Visits		14	11	10	14	12	16	14	11	8	13	10	8
Strategic Advisory Group			5			20		22				4	
Member Workshop										23	21	18	
Other events		22 Budget Management				20 Budget Management	24 Annual Review	22 Budget Management				18 Budget Management	
Essential Training							10 New Member Induction			30 Planning (1)	28 Planning (2)		

APPENDIX 3

PART B OF NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CLLR P BRADY

DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

Part B

That there be substituted for the Democratic Principles, the following:

Purpose

1. The history of the National Park Authority suggests that it is best served when all Members of the Authority have a stake in its governance. With this in mind, these Principles include issues that Members are asked to consider when electing or appointing people to, or standing for, Office or position.

2. Their purpose is to foster confidence, unity and trust within the Authority and the general public

Voting

3. It is essential to these Principles that nothing they contain is intended to in any way detract from the duty or ability of a Member to cast his or her vote in accordance with his/her best judgement.

Definition

4. "Group" means the Group of Members falling into one of these three categories:

- Members appointed by Local Authorities other than Parish Councils;
- Parish Members;
- Members appointed by the Secretary of State other than Parish Members

Election and Appointment - Chair and Deputy Chair

5. In electing a Chair and appointing a Deputy Chair, Members should consider the desirability of ensuring:

- that each office holder comes from a different Group;
- that at least one of the office holders is a person living in or representing an area that lies within the National Park.

Other appointments

6. In appointing the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees, Members should consider the desirability of ensuring that, taking into account the Groups from which the election of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman were made there should be a spread of office holders from:

- across the Groups; and
- from amongst those living in or representing an area that lies within the National Park.

7. Taking into account the expertise, interest and potential of candidates, Members should also consider the desirability of achieving a spread of between the Groups when appointing Member Representatives and to outside bodies.

Standing for Office

8. All Members are assumed to be equally committed to the objectives of the National Park and to have a contribution to make across the full range of the Authority's work.

9. All Members have the right to stand for all elections and appointments but need to recognise that these Principles will be drawn to the attention of Members before a decision is made.

10. Newly appointed Members will not normally be considered for the position of Chair or Deputy/Vice Chair.

11. Members who have held a position or appointment for a continuous period of four years will not normally be considered for re-election or re-appointment.

12. It is the responsibility of a Member standing for election or appointment to demonstrate to those making the decision that:

- his/her expertise, interest and potential;
- he/she understands what will be required of them.

In office

13 Anyone holding office should be seen to act in the interests of the Authority as a whole and of the National Park, and not of any particular Group or interest.

Group Meetings etc

14 Whilst members sharing a common concern or interest may occasionally meet to exchange views, the holding of regular meetings of Groups or of members sharing a common interest may be seen as acting against these Principles.

Patrick Brady
23 May 2015