

2018 Statements Received for Positions of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees

Chair of Audit, Resources and Performance Committee

Cllr Chris Furness, MSc (Oxford), MA (Sheffield)

Andrew is a hard act to follow but, if elected, I will do my best to emulate his performance.

I have some credentials which you might consider appropriate. I am currently vice-chair of the Governance and Resources Committee at Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC). This committee has a similar role to ARP. I represent DDDC on the Audit and Scrutiny Committees of Sheffield City Region CA and have been nominated by Leaders to be elected Chair of the latter at the next meeting. In these positions, I am already well versed in the extra duties expected of committee chairs, outside committee meetings.

I believe good attendance is an indication of a member's enthusiasm for the work of the Authority and essential for senior positions. My attendance at ARP and Authority meetings has been 100% over the past 12 months.

My style, as Chair of APR would be to encourage members to participate in debate, express opinions and propose any amendments to recommendations, which they consider necessary. My intention would be to appear neutral throughout debates and only vote when a casting vote is required.

A large percentage of the agendas throughout the year is to do with PDNPA finances and it is therefore important for the Chair to be well versed in accounts. This becomes even more important as we move towards Commercialisation of our assets. Most of my career was creating and managing new subsidiaries for large National PLCs, expanding exports, and managing trading with major customers. Much of that involved the creation of business cases for new products and projects.

Since retirement from Business, and alongside my Local Authority career, I have also pursued a "mature" student career and obtained Masters Degrees at Oxford and Sheffield Universities. I believe this depth of study has helped me in assimilating the many complex and detailed documents we must study before meetings.

Despite, being an "oldie", I keep in close touch with younger generations. I am a member of the Sheffield University Alumni Board, a Governor of New Mills Secondary School and a Director of Bradwell Community Land Trust. The latter will be taking ownership of 12 affordable homes which will be available, in perpetuity, for rent to needy young families who can demonstrate a 10 year connection with Bradwell and adjoining parishes.

As Andrew has often pointed out – ARP covers everything except Planning. That, for me, is what makes it so interesting. I look forward to working with officers from our various departments in producing agendas which will facilitate and promote the aims of our Management Plan.

Mr Zahid Hamid

I would like to be considered for the position of Chairperson of the Authority's Audit, Resources and Performance Committee for the 2018/19 term.

I have served as a member of this committee for 5 years since I was appointed a Secretary of State Representative to the Authority and have taken on additional roles in that time including;

- Lead member for work to engage young people to the Park
- Joint lead for work with Communities
- Member appointments panel
- Due Diligence panel
- Local Joint Committee
- Promoting and Understanding
- Stanage Forum Steering Group
- Charity working group
- Peak District Local Nature Partnership
- Peak District Inspiring Generations Partnership

I feel privileged to be on the Authority and support ongoing work where I can make a positive contribution in developments such as Mosaic, South West Peak, National Park management Plan.

I think I have the analytical and critical skills and experience required to be a competent Chair of ARP if appointed and would continue to work constructively and diplomatically with Members staff and the public. Outside of the Authority, I have experience of chairing committees and Boards for over 20 years. Both of the Authorities committees are essential to the delivery of our statutory purposes, in complimentary ways, and I would wish to maintain a smooth transition from the current Chair so that ARP's role carries on seamlessly.

I will be a diligent Chair acting in the best interests of the Authority using my style of being a sceptical optimist, strategic thinker and critical friend.

Vice Chair of Audit, Resources and Performance Committee:

Mr James Berresford

During the course of my career, I have held several high-level exec and non-exec positions within major organisations. In each of these I have sought to apply a level of rigour and scrutiny to the organisation in question by applying a framework for key deliverables and operational monitoring. I see this as a discipline I can bring to ARP, in the position of Vice Chair of ARP as the Authority seeks to achieve operational efficiencies and to improve its project management capabilities. I also believe, that by appointment to this position, I can support the Authority as it looks to grow its commerciality and to develop into an organisation fit for the future.

I have a real understanding of successful strategic partnership management. This, I feel, can be applied to good use as the PDNPA seeks to extend its reach and influence both within and without the park boundaries. This will be an increasingly important area for ARP as it seeks to further the Authority's ability to influence local and national matters as they appertain to the Park's core purposes.

Lastly, as a Peak Park resident I am alive to the nuances and impacts of any key development decisions ARP may make.