

Role description of Members of the Authority

Responsible to:	The Department of the Environment, Fisheries and Rural Affairs and other national, regional and local stakeholders as appropriate
Purpose:	To ensure the Peak District National Park Authority furthers its statutory purposes, through contributing to the leadership, scrutiny and direction of the Authority, ensuring balanced and informed decisions and good governance at all times.
Manages:	Members are directly responsible for the management of the Chief Executive and, through them, the senior management team.
Functions:	<p><i>1. Leadership</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be responsible, with other Members, to ensure that the Authority furthers its statutory purposes • Contribute towards the overall strategic direction of the Authority through the development of policy, business plans and participation in the activities of Meetings, Committees and Working Groups <p><i>2. Direction</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve and monitor programmes to implement the Authority's policies and plans • Influence the Authority to help it come to informed and balanced decisions • Contribute to the development of policies of national regional and partner local government as they affect the National Park <p><i>3. Scrutiny</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor and scrutinise the performance and implementation of the policies and decisions of the Authority <p><i>4. Decision making</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve budgets, strategies, policies and procedures of the Authority • Make decisions on significant projects that affect the Authority's resources, the special qualities of the National Park or its relationship with communities and other stakeholders • Make decisions on matters where objections or other representations have been received that affect communities, individuals and other stakeholders
Approach to the role:	<p><i>All Members have equal status and in carrying out their duties will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First and foremost regard themselves as Members of the Authority and at all times act in the best interests of the Authority • Acknowledge a corporate responsibility, as a part of the Authority, to explain its purposes, procedures and policies • Be responsible, with other Members, for making decisions: no Member, in their individual capacity has executive powers • Represent the whole of the National Park • Act as ambassador for the Authority and be advocates for the National Park • Contribute knowledge and skills to the benefit of the Authority's policies and performance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide advice from the national, regional and local perspective• Engage with stakeholders and be a link with local communities• Uphold the agreed codes, values and principles for the way we work at the Peak District National Park Authority• Follow the “Seven Principles of Public Life” set out by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (Annex A)
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