

## **2019 Statements Received for Positions of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees**

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

Mr Zahid Hamid

I would like to be considered for the position of Chair of the Authority's new Programmes and Resources Committee for the 2019/20 term.

I have served as a member of this Authority and the previous Audit, Resources and Performance Committee for 6 years since I was appointed a Secretary of State Representative 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 and the new PDNP Foundation charity.

Having been elected last year by Members to Chair ARP I would offer my services to help in the smooth transition to the new P&R Committee having the analytical and critical skills and experience required to be a diligent Chair acting in the best interests of the Authority and the National Park. If appointed I 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.

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

Mr James Berresford

I wish to put myself forward for the position of Vice Chair of the newly formed Programmes and Resources Committee, formerly known as the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee.

I believe I would provide much needed consistency as the new committee metamorphoses from its former self. I also feel that the experience I have gained whilst serving on the Governance Review Working Group would help firm up the working practices of the committee as it embraces the new areas of focus as identified by the working group. Similarly, my background in tourism would allow me to input directly into the tourism and engagement policies of the authority. It is anticipated that these will be amongst the principal considerations of the new committee.

I am also keen to represent the authority, once again on the Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire Local Authority Investor Group. It makes sense to me, to provide a strong voice on this representative body, particularly as the Government have given a new priority to tourism in the light of its recently announced Tourism Sector Deal. It would also be my intention to ensure that the authority gets the best value it can for its subscription to this outside body.

Finally, I would welcome the opportunity of continuing my input into the on-going work of the Governance Review Working Group.

## **Chair of Planning Committee:**

Mr Robert Helliwell

The Peak District National Park Authority is the sole planning authority for land and property within the Peak District National Park. As a planning authority, our role is to control and influence the development of land and buildings within the national park's boundaries. While this is often seen as an obstacle to development, there is a need to look after the special landscape and features that make up the Peak District National Park. There is a need to balance the statutory duties and purposes of the national park, safeguarding the natural environment and existing built heritage, whilst taking into account the needs of individuals, communities, local businesses and the local economy.

I have been on the Planning Committee for four years and have gained a great insight into how the system works. There are always challenges which have to be weighed against policy, but also a degree of common sense approach has to be considered.

As a member living and working in the National Park I have a good knowledge of the geography of the park, knowledge of the biggest business sector in the park - farming, and have been involved with rural businesses and communities within the park for many years. More recently I was involved in the revisions to the Development Management document. Planning meetings can seem daunting to members of the public. I would hope to continue businesses openly, democratically and efficiently.