

PeakDistrict National Park Authority The Appointment Principles

The Peak District National Park Authority seeks to apply transparent and democratic principles in the appointment of Members to elected positions within the Authority in order to promote fairness and trust. They are not intended to limit either a Member's right to stand for office nor any Member's duty to make decisions on merit, but instead:

- open opportunities for Members to stand for office
- take into account that some Members have time-limited appointments to the National Park Authority, which may limit their options for standing for office
- recognise that there is strength in office-holders coming from different categories of Members
- are based upon good practice learned from past experience

To this end, the following apply:

1. Any Member is eligible to stand for election for any post.
2. Members will not normally be appointed to the position of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority or the Chair and Vice Chair or its standing committees in their first year of office.
3. All appointments to the position of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority or the Chair and Vice Chair or its standing committees should be limited to continuous periods of no more than four full terms.
4. Appointments should seek to achieve a balance of different categories of Members, namely national Secretary of State appointees, Parish Members and Local Authority Members.
5. All Members will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred candidates at the AGM.
6. Members wishing to stand for elected positions must be able to demonstrate:
 - A commitment to the purposes of the Authority and their successful delivery
 - A willingness to act on behalf of all Members of the Authority and not one particular group or interest
 - An understanding of the roles and responsibilities associated with the position for which they are applying and a skill set relevant to that position

It is the responsibility of all Members to consider these principles before and during the appointments process before making their decision.

