



Introduction

These training modules are intended to provide an introduction to planning and equip you with essential knowledge to participate in making planning decisions.

Members are required to go through this essential planning induction before they can attend or vote at a Planning Committee or the Authority meeting when planning cases are being determined.

On appointment, all Members will receive notification of the arrangements for planning training and how to access these training modules.

Planning is a key part of the National Park Authority's work and is essential to the delivery of our purposes. Planning decision making can be complex and highly contentious and subject to the most intense scrutiny. It can be challenging, but it is always interesting and rewarding.

New Members

Upon appointment to the Authority, new Members will receive details of a learning package that provides essential information related to their role on planning matters. This pack includes an assessment form which seeks to ensure that Members have understood all of the material. The learning pack should be read carefully and then the electronic assessment form completed before the Member attends and participates in a Planning Committee. The Head of Planning or a senior qualified officer will assess each completed form submitted. They will raise any matters directly with the Member to ensure understanding and, conversely, the Member may discuss any matter that they are unsure of with the Head of Planning or other officer.

New Members should observe a National Park Authority Planning Committee meeting. Any questions that arise from this experience should be discussed with a suitable officer (Head of Planning, Planning Manager, Head of Law, Democratic Services Manager or the Chief Executive) or the Chair of Planning Committee.

Continuous Planning Development for all Members

All Members will be required to attend an annual Planning training workshop. Two identical workshops will be scheduled every year in the Member Learning and Development Programme and Members will be expected to attend one of these. Attendance at such workshops will only be recorded if Members attend all of the policy, legal, procedural and probity modules that make up the event.

Members who do not attend this essential training will not be able to continue to attend or vote at a Planning Committee or the Authority meeting when planning cases are being determined. This will be effective from 1 April following the 12 month period when a Member should have attended a workshop and will apply until this condition is satisfied through participation at the next available workshop.