

National Park Management Plan Advisory Group

Terms of Reference and Operating Arrangements

Background

Since 2007 the Peak District National Park Authority has worked with a group of partners who have monitored the delivery of the National Park Management Plan (NPMP) and provided advice to the Authority.

The terms of reference represent a basis for real commitment to joint working towards achieving the overall vision for the Peak District National Park and specifically to help deliver the actions identified in the NPMP.

These terms of reference outline the purpose and arrangements for the National Park Management Plan Advisory Group.

Purpose

The purpose of the group is to:

- Act as a champion for the National Park Management Plan.
- Provide strategic focus and help develop a long term view of the National Park.
- Provide a forum for the on-going review of implementation of the Peak District National Park Management Plan through shared monitoring of its actions and outcomes.
- Help to drive implementation of the plan by advocating the importance of National Park outcomes and to support action.
- Provide independent specialist advice and recommendations to the PDNPA and any relevant delivery partner to help improve actions for delivery and resolve conflict.
- Providing view points from a range of sectors that potentially impact on the National Park.

Ways of Working

The ways of working for the group will entail:

- Collaborating in a spirit of partnership to achieve more than the sum of the parts
- Openness and integrity
- Willingness to share learning and encourage each other to develop
- Desire and ability to get involved and form sub groups to support the NPMP process.
- Respecting the views of all involved

Membership

The group members represent a wide range of issues and types of organizations important to the future of the National Park and should operate at senior levels within their organisations or networks.

Organization
(Local Nature Partnership) <i>Currently inactive</i>
Environment Agency
Historic England
Natural England
Visit Peak District Destination Management Partnership
Local Access Forum
National Trust
Derbyshire County Council
Peak Park Parishes Forum
Rural Action Derbyshire
Business Peak District
Farmers & Land Managers Forum
National Park Authority
Friends of the Peak District
Rural District Council (HPBC / SMDC)
Sheffield City Council
The group will have the ability to co-opt other people to join the group to fill gaps in the representation of the group or to reflect significant projects or developments.

The Chief Executive and officers of the National Park Authority will be present to assist with effective running of the meetings.

Chairing the Group

The National Park Authority retains the right to oversee the chairing of the group. The Authority has an independent chair of the group to oversee the next plan period (i.e. from 2018 to 2023.)

When we need to recruit a new chair the process will entail advertising in local media, short-listing and interview by panel chaired by the Chair of the Authority (who will also select the interview panel). The criteria for the role will require an ability to:

- demonstrate a broad understanding of issues important to national park purposes and duty
- act independently and support the National Park in holding delivery partners to account
- encourage trust and openness
- facilitate the participation of others and encourage connectivity with partners
- encourage a positive partnership endeavour towards delivery of National Park outcomes
- spend a maximum 4 days per year (roughly 50% directly on chairing and associated group meetings and 50% on advocating the NPMP and galvanising support with key delivery partners).

Remuneration is via a pro-rata members' allowance.

Relationship with other Groups and Partnerships

The members of the group will be encouraged to link to a number of existing forums and 'champion' National Park Management Plan outcomes on a regular basis.

The group will invite other stakeholders to meetings as necessary.

Meeting Arrangements

There will typically be three meetings per year. They will make use of a combination of workshop and business style meetings.

Secretariat support to the group will be provided by the National Park Authority. Meetings will not be open to the public but the group meeting papers and reports will be published on the National Park Authority web site from 2012 in line with the new plan period.

Reporting Arrangements

The group will report to the NPA and other delivery partners, specifically in relation to the performance of the delivery plan.

Overall Status

The group will have no legal status or executive roles but act in an advisory capacity only. The group (and any sub-groups it forms) will be reviewed after a period of five years.