

**Northumberland National Park Authority Landscape  
Review Task and Finish Group (Governance)  
Draft Terms of Reference**

**Purpose of the Working Group:**

In the context of the Glover Review's recommendations of September 2019, and the Defra response and consultation of January 2022, to develop ideas and options for a revised membership model for consideration by the Authority prior to potential submission to Defra.

**Considerations/Action: (to include but not limited to)**

- Consider options for the possible future size of the National Park Authority.
- Consider options for the possible future composition (member make up) of the National Park Authority.
- Consider how a smaller Authority might still retain links with constituent Authorities, local communities, and the national interests.
- Consider the implication for the operational governance of the Authority, including the authority's statutory planning functions.
- Consider how future membership might deliver greater diversity.
- Consider how future membership might deliver the range of skills required to govern the delivery of the Authority's priorities and Business Plan.
- Develop one or more options for a new governance model for the Authority and present to the Authority for discussion and decision.

**Membership:**

- A maximum of five members – to be comprised of the Deputy Chair, and at least one member from the Secretary of State (SoS) Parish, one Secretary of State national and one Northumberland County Council member.

**Quorum:**

- The quorum shall be three members, with at least one member from the SoS Parish, one SoS National and one Northumberland County Council member being present.

**Lead officer:** Tony Gates (Chief Executive)

**Duration:** The Task and Finish Group shall operate until September 2022 Authority meeting, or any later date specified by the Authority.

**Timescales and Output:** To report to the September 2022 Authority meeting the work of the Task and Finish Group and present options for a new authority membership model for the Authority for discussion and decision.