

**Northumberland National Park Authority
Landscape Review Task and 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.