

### A.2.3 Authority Review Group Terms of Reference

The Authority Review Group scrutinises the work of the National Park Authority through a participative 'high support/high challenge' culture of working, that is, all members to adopt a positive approach to overcoming challenges and maximising opportunities when working with officers in the Review Group. The Review Group does not have decision making powers. Its recommendations and findings are communicated to the National Park Authority through reports from the Chief Executive.

Review Group meetings are open to all National Park Authority members to participate in. The review and scrutiny function is not a statutory requirement for National Park Authorities. The meetings are conducted as a working group i.e., not open to the public.

The Review Group draws membership from outside the National Park Authority's membership with two independent members being full members of the Review Group. In addition, the Review Group regularly invites partners, key stakeholders, and statutory organisations to take part in the work.

#### Membership

Total membership	Up to 11
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of which a minimum must be

Local Authority appointees

Northumberland County Council	2
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Secretary of State National appointees	2
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Secretary of State Parish Council appointees	2
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plus Independent Members	2
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Quorum (members)	4
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The Authority elects the Chair and Deputy for Review Group at the Annual Meeting for the forthcoming year.

A minimum of three Review Group meetings per annum.