



Role Profile: Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority Board

Role:

Board Member

Context:

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park was established by the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 to safeguard areas of outstanding and diverse landscapes, habitats and communities. We do this by working to co-ordinate the delivery of four main statutory aims:

- conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the area;
- promote the sustainable use of the natural resources of the area;
- promote understanding and enjoyment (including enjoyment in the form of recreation) of the special qualities of the area by the public; and
- promote sustainable economic and social development of the area's communities

This means being involved in developing key strategic documents such as:

- National Park Partnership Plan, which sets out our priorities for the Park's development in association with partner organisations
- Local Development Plan, which guides all future development and the use of land.
- The National Parks' response to the Climate and Nature Emergencies and the National Biodiversity strategy.

Additionally, the National Park has a statutory planning function.

Our 17 Board Members are appointed in three different ways, each bringing unique skills to our Board: Ministerial Appointees (6), Local Authority Nominated (6) and Locally Elected (5).

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority is committed to creating a welcoming, accessible and diverse Board through our governance structures and recruitment processes.

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Key Skills of an Effective Board Member:

- Ability to contribute effectively to organisational strategy and development.
- Ability to work collaboratively and constructively with key partners and stakeholders.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Ability to analyse and review complex issues, weigh up conflicting opinions and reach informed decisions
- Ability to constructively and supportively challenge.
- Ability to monitor performance and governance.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Under the leadership of the Convener, the National Park Authority Board provides leadership, direction, support and guidance to ensure that the National Park delivers our functions effectively and efficiently and in accordance with the aims, policies and priorities of the Scottish Ministers.

Board members are required to:

- Contribute to setting the strategic direction of the National Park Authority in a way which reflects Scottish Ministers' policies and priorities through the production and oversight of the Corporate and Operational Plans;
- Contribute to setting the vision and objectives for the National Park, through the preparation and oversight of key strategic documents, including the National Park Partnership Plans and Local Development Plan;
- Add value to the work of the organisation's staff through support and constructive challenge and advice in Board and Committee meetings, and other forms of joint working with staff;
- Take collective responsibility for the National Park Authority's decisions on Planning, development control and other matters, including participating as required in formal decision processes in the Planning and Access Committee or other Committees;
- Acting as champions for the National Park externally in dealings with the public and with national and local organisations;
- Take collective responsibility for the performance of the organisation including developing and promoting the efficient and effective use of staff and other resources in accordance with the principles of Best Value; and



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- Adhere to expected standards of conduct as set out in the Parks Code of Conduct for Board Members under the terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) 2000.

Time Commitment and Remuneration:

Members are required to commit 3 days per month to their role and are paid £226.75 per day (subject to review) per day for their work.