

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

Role:

Chair of Futures Group

Context:

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The Chair of the Futures Group is a key role in the governance structure of the National Park Authority. The Futures Group was established in 2021 to give the Board an oversight of key strategic issues affecting the future of the National Park at an early stage, and to allow Board Members to contribute meaningfully to emerging strategic thinking from that early stage.

Training, support and development is available to the Chair of Futures Group, and we encourage a skills-based approach to nominating and electing the Chair.

Skills of an Effective Chair of Futures Group:

- Commitment to training and development of group members
- Formal and informal communication skills
- Comfortable and confident in chairing meetings
- Ability to develop and maintain strong working relationships
- Ability to think critically

Characteristics of an Effective Futures Group:

- Understanding of strategic planning and thinking
- Experience of, and commitment to, innovative methods of engagement and critical thinking
- Capacity to take a flexible approach to problem solving

The Chair will draw on the knowledge, experience and skills of Group Members to ensure the Group is successful. They do not need to personally embody all of the characteristics above, but through their role they will work with the Depute Chair and Group Members to lead, develop and contribute to the effectiveness of the Futures Group.

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Duties and Responsibilities:

- Chair the meetings of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority Futures Group
- Work with senior staff to identify strategic topics, challenges and opportunities to be explored by the Futures Group
- Coordinate innovative methods of exploration of topics identified, ensuring interaction with staff, Board Members and external stakeholders as appropriate
- Where appropriate, formulate a 'Closing Statement' on the topic explored, setting out the Group's strategic considerations
- Attend meetings of Chairs and Executive Group (4 per year) to provide updates on Futures Group activity

Time Commitment and Remuneration:

The Chair of Futures Group is required to commit a total of 4 days per month to their role and are paid £226.75 per day (subject to review) per day for their work.