

# Candidate Statement for the position of Depute Convener – Martin Earl

## Agenda Item 6 - Appendix 2

### National Park Authority Board Meeting

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*It has been an honour to have held the position of depute convener for the past two years. This has been a busy period for the organisation and has not been without its challenges. These include complex planning applications and the vitally important work of improving our biodiversity and protecting the environment while supporting park communities and managing visitor pressures all within tight budgetary constraints.*

*I have also had the privilege of representing the organisation at various meetings and functions. This has been both an enjoyable and rewarding experience.*

*During this period, I have sought to support the convener, the executive and board members as required and believe I have done so in a diligent and engaged manner. The experience I have been fortunate to accumulate from serving on the board between 2012 and 2017 and again 2018 to 2022 has helped me in this role. Now in my third term I hope I can seek your support to continue as depute convener where I will continue to build upon that experience.*

*Over the next two years the board will undergo a great deal of change in membership as well as the term on the board of our current convener also completing. Supporting the current and a future convener, executive and the wider board through this period of change will be a key role for the depute convener.*

*Development of a new LDP will be a major aspect of the boards workplan over the next two years and, as depute, I will endeavour to support all board members, existing and new, to agree and approve this major policy document that will be pivotal to enable a successful delivery of our priorities for this exceptional area.*