

Candidate Statement for the position of Convener – Heather Reid

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It is an honour to have served as Convener of LLTNPA during these past 3 years.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our knowledgeable and dedicated staff while leading a talented and passionate Board. It's been a busy and, at times, challenging period and there are many successes to reflect upon too.

We have approved a new and bold National Park Partnership Plan that is helping to further unlock the National Park's potential to deliver for nature and climate while supporting communities, businesses, land managers and visitors. Our strong strategic focus has helped the organisation produce ambitious and successful annual operating plans and large-scale capital projects. These projects include the upgraded Conic Hill footpath, Tarbet visitor site redevelopment, Wild Strathfillan and the Trossachs Explorer to name just a few.

And we continue to navigate high profile planning applications with professionalism, care and transparency.

If elected as Convener for the remainder of my second term I will continue to -

- *Work closely with Board members to help deliver their strategic priorities*
- *Support and participate in partnership working with local authorities, public bodies, communities, businesses and land managers*
- *Be visible and engage across the whole of the National Park in an Ambassadorial role*
- *Liaise with and when necessary, challenge Scottish Government via our sponsor team and Directorate*
- *Ensure an inclusive, well supported process during the 2026 Ministerial appointments and local member elections*
- *Support the next steps in our Local Development Plan process and ensure good engagement with all relevant stakeholders*

Engagement and Listening will continue to be at the core of my work in this role, and I will continue to be available to Board members for meetings, visits and discussions.

Thank you all for your support during these past 3 years.