

Role Profile: CPRE Hampshire Policy and Planning Group Chair

The Hampshire countryside is at risk from unplanned and uncoordinated growth. Some of our most precious areas of countryside are now protected as a direct result of our passion and dedication, but much more needs to be done before we can say that our valued green spaces will be there for generations to come.

About us

CPRE Hampshire is a busy Branch of the national charity the Campaign to Protect Rural England with whom we work as 'One CPRE', but we are an independent charity. We are a membership organisation and recently celebrated 50 years with many campaign wins including the creation of the South Downs National Park.

As a Branch we aspire to be a positive and proactive partner in the development of our county. Through our Strategic Vision for Hampshire we aim to play an active role in shaping the future of growth in Hampshire for the benefit of its population and environment. An example of this is our campaign for a new Green Belt in South Hampshire. A new Green Belt over a large enough area would protect the most vulnerable green spaces essential for the health and wellbeing of those who live there, respecting the distinctiveness of the towns and cities and encouraging the development of liveable cities with ample countryside next door.

Alongside this strategic work the Branch engages in development of Local Plans and responds to planning applications around the County, and participates in the work of national CPRE in central government policy making on planning, housing development and design, landscape, farming, infrastructure, minerals and disposal of waste.

About the role

The Planning and Policy Group (PPG) reports to the Executive Committee and sets the policy direction for the branch. The group comprises of 36 voluntary members with varying skills and expertise, spread across the county. PPG has representation from each of our six District Groups that broadly mirror the local authority structure and focus on local campaigning issues. Our central Campaign Working Group reports into the PPG and there are sub-groups established to take on projects.

We are looking for an excellent Chair and strategic thinker to play a key role in setting and delivering the purpose and vision of the Branch by facilitating our expert volunteers. It is a role at the heart of CPRE Hampshire.

We hope that a new PPG Chair will make the role their own while ensuring that the PPG and PPG sub-groups function properly, that there is full participation at meetings, all relevant matters are discussed and effective decisions are made and carried out

Role Description

Remuneration:	The role of PPG Chair is not financially remunerated, although expenses for travel may be claimed
Reports to:	Executive Committee, working closely with the Chief Executive
Location:	Hampshire
Time commitment:	Approximately 4 days per month
Contract:	Commit to a period of three years

Key Responsibilities

- To plan and run the quarterly meetings of the PPG;
- To provide leadership and direction to the committee in line with charitable objects;
- To ensure matters are dealt with in an orderly and efficient manner enabling all group members to contribute;
- To ensure the group and sub-groups have the most effective structure;
- To identify the need for and oversee recruitment of experts to the group;
- To sit on or report to the Executive Committee;
- To maintain good channels of communication between PPG, Executive Committee and the Branch Office;
- To work with PPG members and staff of National CPRE to facilitate input of the Branch into the work of national CPRE;
- To participate from time to time in projects and campaigns overseen by PPG.

PPG Chair - Person Specification

- Commitment to the Charity or Countryside
- Willingness to devote the necessary time and effort
- Strong leadership skills including tact and diplomacy
- Ability to ensure decisions are taken and followed-up
- Good time keeping
- Ability to motivate and work effectively as a team member
- Experience not essential but ideally gained through a career in either a local authority or private consultancy

PPG Chair - Role Specification

- Ideally knowledge of land use planning, the environment, and urban design
- Experience of producing and presenting complex information in a simple way for key stakeholders (internal & external)
- Proven experience of analysing new/amended legislation; reviewing and interpreting research

CPRE Hampshire is committed to building a diverse team that reflects the communities we serve. We welcome applications from all age, disability, race, religion, gender and sexual orientation.

How to apply

For further information, please contact the team: volunteering@cprehampshire.org.uk or call 01962 841897.

To apply, please submit your CV with supporting covering letter outlining your interest and experience in relation to the role.

Deadline for applications: 4th December 2018.