



SERVING ON COUNCIL - ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

Thank you for considering standing for election to Council. Membership of Council enables you to influence the role of the Society in acting as a respected voice, serving science, the profession of geoscience and society.

Each of the 23 members of Council is a trustee of the Society, accountable to the Fellows and to other stakeholders and regulators, such as the Charity Commission. The prime responsibility of the trustees is to oversee the affairs of the Society and to act prudently in the management of its financial resources.

Council generally meets five times a year, usually on a Wednesday 14:00-17:00. Currently most meetings are held virtually but moving forward some may offer a hybrid model. Papers are circulated a week in advance. In addition, there is a one-day residential meeting, usually late September, to discuss major strategic issues.

All members of Council also serve on one of the standing committees – External Relations, Finance & Planning, Professional & Chartership, Publications & Information and Science. Standing committees usually meet three or four times a year virtually. Council members are sometimes also asked to join other committees or short-term working groups. The typical time commitment is eight to ten days annually for ordinary members of Council.

The Society's Officers* are members of Council and depending on their additional responsibilities their time commitment could total 15 days annually. Officers are usually drawn from existing members of Council.

** Officers: President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries*

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Your nomination requires a supporting statement. This should be no longer than 200 words and should contain:

- Why you want to serve on Council and what you believe you can contribute
- Current job (and if relevant previous jobs, e.g. if you have moved from academe to industry)
- Number of years Fellowship of the Society
- Membership of any of the Society's committees
- Membership of which specialist groups and in what roles
- Qualifications and whether Chartered Geologist, Chartered Scientist or having another professional designation