



The
Geological
Society

SERVING ON COUNCIL - ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

Dear Fellow,

Thank you for considering standing for election to Council.

Each of the 23 members of Council is a trustee of the Society. Our trustees have collective responsibility for overseeing the Society's purpose, values, vision, and strategy. They take the big strategic decisions and make sure we are carrying out the Society's purposes for the public benefit, acting in the charity's best interests, managing our resources responsibly, being accountable, and acting in accordance with the rules.

Council generally meets five times a year, usually on a Wednesday 14:00-17:00. Most meetings are held virtually and some are hybrid. 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.

The typical time commitment is eight to ten days annually for ordinary members of Council. From time to time, Council members may be invited to join other committees or short-term working groups.

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 (we would encourage you to consider the [Strategy and Values](#) in preparing your statement),
- Current and other relevant roles, e.g. if you have moved from academe to industry,
- Number of years Fellowship of the Society,
- If applicable, membership of any of the Society's Committees,
- If applicable, specialist groups membership, or of other geoscience related organisations, and particular role if relevant,
- Qualifications e.g. Chartered Geologist, Chartered Scientist or other professional designation.