The responsibilities of the Professional Advisory Group shall be to guide both Council and the Senior Management Team in work that promotes and supports geographers, geographical communities and professional geographical practice through a wide range of activities.

The Professional Advisory Group reports to Council.

Membership

Membership is to be drawn from those actively engaged in professional geographical practice.

Frequency of meetings

The Group normally meets face-to-face bi-annually, in November and March, with additional virtual meetings if justified.

Quorum

The Professional Advisory Group shall be quorate when 50% of its members are present, in person or through teleconferencing.

Decision-making

Decision-making shall be by consensus as far as possible. If a vote is required, each member shall have one vote and the Chair shall have the casting vote.

Duties

The duties of the Group shall be:

Policy and strategy

- To advise on the delivery of the Society’s strategy relating to professional practice
- To contribute to the review and development of the Society’s strategy, focusing on areas relating to, or with an impact upon, professional practice
• To contribute to the development of the Society’s thinking on all aspects of geographical practice in the workplace and its understanding of the wider context
• To advise on the Society’s response to consultations on the application of geographical skills and knowledge in professional practice
• To advise on the prioritisation of work within the Society’s Professional and Policy team, leading to an agreed work plan

**Professional Activity**

• To understand, support and advise on the range of work undertaken by the Professional and Policy team, and others in the Society, including:
  o Chartered Geographer accreditation
  o Mentoring and peer-support for professionals
  o Advocacy for the impact and benefits of geography in professional practice
  o Professional Practice Groups
  o Programme accreditation (which sits primarily with the Research and Higher Education Committee)
  o Awards and recognition
  o Resources to support career progression in professional geographical practice
  o Equality, diversity and inclusion in professional geographical practice
  o All other work relevant to professional geographical practice

**Recruitment and Professional Development**

• To support the Society’s work in raising the profile of geographers in professional practice
• To advise the Society on work with early career professionals
• To advise the Society on work with Chartered Geographers and geographers in the professions
• To recommend areas in which the Society might most effectively contribute to the professional development of professional geographers, and methods by which this might be achieved

**Communication**

• To advise the Society on the handling of controversial issues relating to geography in professional practice where there is an overlap with the Society’s interests
• To recommend effective engagement strategies for the communication of the Society’s thinking to those working in professional practice

**Ethics and Professional Standards**

• To advise the Society on codes of conduct and professional standards for professional geographical practice