

Strategic Green & Open Space Review Board Terms of Reference

Membership

Chair: Simon O'Brien

Strategic Support to the Chair: Dr. Juliet Staples (acting as Committee Secretary)

Cllr S Munby: Cabinet Member

Arwa Al Rekabi: Denovo Design

Cllr M Kennedy: Cabinet Member

Maxine Ennis: Rotunda

David Hughes: Head of Planning

Malcolm Kelly: Woolton Youth Club

Ron Odunaiya: Director of Community Services

Victoria James: Estate Agent

Professor R Meegan Professor of Economic Geography, European Institute for Urban Affairs, Liverpool John Moores University

Dr Ian Mell Lecturer in Planning & Civic Design University of Liverpool

The Board to be further supported by: Simon McEneny (Assistant Director, Physical Assets); Derek Dottie (Parks); Mike Eccles (Planning); Peter Cosgrove (Glendales); Cllr P Mitchell (Parks); Mike Brown (Divisional Manager, Streetscene).

External Partners with interest in Green & Open Spaces: Nature Connected; Liverpool Park Friends Clinical Commissioning Group Mersey Forest; Land Trust; Liverpool Vision; Housing Associations; Wild Life Trust; Friends of the Earth; Universities; Elected Members.

By Invitation: External organisations and community interest groups who can strategically input into the future of Green and Open Spaces use and development within Liverpool, as and when required.

1.0 Purpose:

1.1 The purpose of the Review Board is to provide strategic direction and recommendations to the Mayor/ Cabinet/ Council to make decisions in respect of the allocation of Strategic Green and Open Spaces for the benefit of the local communities of Liverpool.

1.2 The Review Board will operate as a key advisor on strategic green space planning, identifying benefits, testing solutions (both conceptual and real) and risk management. It will seek to align green spaces with the Council's strategic priorities for the City.

1.3 It has ultimate accountability for the Strategic Review of Green and Open Spaces and acts as the ultimate point of reference for the development and allocation of land types (as set out below) across Liverpool.

2.0 **Timescales:** The Review Board will meet monthly and is expected to have concluded its review in six months, with final conclusion within twelve months.

3.0 Decision and Activity Areas are:

- Challenging and owning of the strategic review, associated with the green and open space set out in section 4 .0 below.

- Reviewing and making recommendations to the Council on open and green spaces provision, including options and type.

- To ensure that equitable access and corridors of green spaces exists across Liverpool

- Supporting communication and stakeholder management in the strategic land review process.

•Providing comments and guidance in the development of future maintenance and ownership to enable a sustainable model(s) of open space provision. (This may involve looking at other models operated across the country).

4.0 Business Objectives for the Board:

4.1 The Open Space Review Board will consider, challenge and make recommendations on the following areas:

4.2 Green & Open Space Provision – The city needs to improve and preserve its green and open spaces for the future generations of our city. It is important that we use our green and open spaces in a sustainable way, making sure that they meet the needs of our communities.

4.3 Green Spaces Equitable Access for All - Successful, thriving and prosperous communities are characterised by streets, parks and open spaces that are maintained, clean, safe, attractive areas that local people are proud of and want to spend their time in. We need to ensure our green and open spaces are equitable and accessible to the communities they serve.

4.4 Land Identification & Ownership - Consider the key issues associated with land use in order to allow the Council to make decisions in relation to land ownership, equitable access, development and management. The project will review and agree the existing land assets and type. The following five categories are a suggested approach and a clear definition needs to be established by the Board for each category.

4.4.1 Large strategic open spaces such as parkland and lakes.

4.4.2 Land of community value – that provides local equitable access and contributes to local community cohesion.

4.4.3 Green Corridors – Green and open spaces that physically link sites and movement corridors for people and urban wildlife.

4.4.4 Incidental green and open space – that could be transferred to other individuals or organisations.

4.4.5 Land with a strategic value to the Council - whether that is through financial disposal to a developer; development of the land by the Council; or for wider regeneration and/or multifunctional benefits.

4.5 Green Space & Open Spaces Maintenance – To facilitate the development of a model that allows for the most appropriate methods for sustainable future management of green and open spaces.

Consideration should be given to the types of funding models that will enable sustainable open space provision, together with a management and maintenance position whilst ensuring that open space aligns with the Council's wider strategic priorities, such as a cleaner greener Liverpool, economic growth, health, wellbeing, and community cohesion.

5.0 Frequency of Meetings:

5.1 The Strategic Review Board will meet initially monthly; this is subject to change and is expected to be adjusted, as and when based upon the key milestones (to be developed with the Board).

6.0 Communications and Governance:

6.1 All Board Members to abide to the Officer and Member Code of Conduct as attached at Appendix 1.

6.2 The Board to develop and approve a clear Communications Process and Standards.

7.0 Expenditure and Commissioning:

7.1 Board Members will be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses (see proforma attached as Appendix 2).

7.2 Where identified and approved by the Council, the Board will commission independent assessments/surveys as required to achieve the outputs identified below.

9.0 Outputs:

- 1.Land use and associated key issues relating to sustainability, equity and ownership (Strategic Overview key sites, ward by ward review)
- 2.Future management and maintenance options for open spaces.
- 3.Final report from the review board.

10.0 Financials

10.1 There are a number of financial considerations that need to be managed and monitored as part of the work.

It is expected that the view of the Board will be concluded within 12 months and will be reviewed at 3 and 6 months:

Payment of cost and expenses of the Chair and Board

Board support to be provided for up to 12 months

Project lead to be provided for up to 12 months

GIS support to be provided for up to 12 months

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