

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BOARD OPEN SPACES & CITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

1. **Constitution**

A Non-Ward Committee consisting of,

- eight Members elected by the Court of Common Council, at least one of whom shall have fewer than five years' service on the Court at the time of their appointment
- the following ex-officio Members:-
 - the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Epping Forest & Commons Committee
 - the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee

2. **Quorum**

The quorum consists of any five Members.

3. **Membership 2022/23**

- 5 (4) Caroline Wilma Haines
- 12 (4) Wendy Mead, O.B.E.
- 6 (3) Oliver Sells, Q.C.
- 2 (2) Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, J.P.

together with the ex-officio Members referred to in paragraph 1 above and four Members to be appointed this day.

4. **Terms of Reference**

To be responsible for:-

- (a) The allocation of grants in relation to Open Spaces taking account of any views or recommendations expressed by the Epping Forest and Commons Committee, West Ham Park Committee or Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee as relevant;

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- (b) dealing with, or making recommendations to the Court of Common Council where appropriate, all matters relating to the strategic management (e.g. policy, financial and staffing) of the City of London Corporation's open spaces where such matters are not specifically the responsibility of another Committee; and
- (c) the appointment of the Director of Open Spaces (in consultation with the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee);

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- (d) the management and day-to-day administration of the gardens, churchyards and open spaces in the City under the control of the Common Council, together with Bunhill Fields Burial Ground;
- (e) arrangements for the planting and maintenance of trees and other plants and shrubs in open spaces and in footpaths adjacent to highways in the City;
- (f) advising on applications for planning permission relating in whole or in part to the gardens, churchyards or open spaces in the City under the control of the Common Council; and
- (g) the functions of the Common Council under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to make safe by felling, or otherwise, dangerous trees in the City generally on receipt of notices served on the City of London Corporation in the circumstances set out in Section 23 of the Act and where trees are in danger of damaging property.