

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BOARD

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
- up to four external non-voting representatives, appointed by the Natural Environment Board with appropriate expertise in the Natural Environment, including biodiversity & nature resilience, community engagement, access & recreation, culture, heritage & learning and income generation
- up to one observer nominated by the Epping Forest & Commons Committee, Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee and West Ham Park;

2. Quorum

The quorum consists of any five Members.

3. Membership 2023/24

- 7 (4) Oliver Sells, K.C.
- 3 (3) Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, J.P.
- 2 (2) Ian Luder, Alderman *for three years*
- 2 (2) Graeme Doshi-Smith, Deputy *for three years*
- 2 (2) Benjamin Murphy
- 2 (2) James Bromiley Davis *for two years*
- 6 (1) Caroline Wilma Haines
- 13 (1) Wendy Mead, O.B.E

together with the ex-officio Members and external representatives referred to in paragraph 1 above.

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4. Terms of Reference

To be responsible for:-

- (a) the approval, monitoring and regular review of the Natural Environment strategy, overseeing the overall policy and performance framework for Natural Environment and City Gardens;
- (b) overseeing the delivery of the Natural Environment Strategy, including matters relating to Nature Resilience and Biodiversity, Climate Action, Access and Recreation, Community Engagement, Culture, Heritage, and Learning, where such matters are not specifically the responsibility of another committee;
- (c) dealing with, and 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 natural environment where such matters are not specifically the responsibility of another committee;
- (a) The allocation of grants in relation to **Open Green** 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;
- (d) **Open Spaces**
- (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~~
- (e) the appointment of the Director of ~~Open Spaces~~ **Natural Environment** (in consultation with the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee);
- (e) **For City Open Spaces Gardens only**
- (d) the management and day-to-day administration of the gardens, churchyards and **open green** 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 green** spaces and in footpaths adjacent to highways in the City;
- (g)

- ~~(f)~~ advising on applications for planning permission relating in whole or in part to the gardens, churchyards or ~~open green~~ 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.
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