

## **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 2025/26**

- 4 (4) Benjamin Daniel Murphy, Deputy
- 2 (2) Anne Corbett, Deputy *for two years*
- 8 (3) Caroline Wilma Haines, Deputy
- 15 (3) Wendy Mead, OBE
- 3 (2) James St John Davis
- Vacancy*
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together with the ex-officio Members referred to in paragraph 1 above..

### **3. Terms of Reference**

To be responsible for:-

- (a) the approval, monitoring, and regular review of the Natural Environment Board strategies overseeing the overall policy and performance framework for the Natural Environment Division of the Environment Department (where such matters are not the responsibility of another committee) and the City Gardens team which sit within the City Operations Division of the Environment Department.
- (b) overseeing the delivery of the Natural Environment Board's strategies (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 of the City of London Corporation's natural environment (where such matters are not specifically the responsibility of another committee).
- (d) the allocation of Enjoying Green Spaces and the Natural Environment Programme grants and the allocation of non-site specific grants related to the Natural Environment Board.
- (e) 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;
- (f) 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;
- (g) 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
- (h) 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.