

6Cs Programme of Development Refresh 2008 – Annex F/A

6Cs Strategic GI Project Board

Terms of Reference

The 6Cs Strategic GI Project Board has developed the following Terms of Reference:

1. To lead in the establishment and long term maintenance of high quality green infrastructure, contributing to the development of sustainable communities within the 6Cs growth point.
2. To champion GI and integrate its development throughout the 6Cs growth point, including within/through the Programme Management Board and HMA Partnership Boards and constituent local authority boundaries ensuring that GI best practice in implementation and long term maintenance is delivered to consistently high standards across the growth point
3. To commission and lead the development of a GI Strategy to provide strategic direction for conservation and development of strategic and local GI and provide direction for the long term maintenance of GI assets within the 6Cs growth point. The GI Strategy and Action Plan is an early priority, to be completed by summer 2009, which will provide an agreed framework for consideration of future GI Project proposals.
4. To approve and monitor budgets on capital and revenue expenditure on strategic GI.
5. Projects submitted for Strategic GI funding will be subject to a transparent process of project appraisal. Each project will be assessed independently by an appraisal panel made up of representatives from the Strategic GI Board.
6. To monitor the implementation of GI, promote good practice and report on annual progress to strengthen the overall GI network.
7. To receive reports from the GI Development Coordinator and take decisions on these reports where necessary
8. The GI Board shall meet at least quarterly at a location to be agreed by the GI Board
9. The GI Board annual meeting will be held each year at which an annual report will be received and any appointments to the Board will be made.
10. The Project Director will be known as the Chair of the group and will be appointed by the 6Cs Programme Management Board. The Chair will be appointed for a 3 year period. In the Chair's absence an appointed Vice Chair will have delegated powers and Chair the Board's meetings.
11. To ensure consistency and an integrated approach in GI practice, reports on the implementation of GI from each of the HMA Boards will be given to the GI Board at every meeting.
12. The Secretariat for the group will be provided by the GI Development Co-ordinator
13. The financially accountable body for the GI Board will be Leicester City Council.

Board membership is composed of senior level officers from local authorities and senior level officers from other organisations so that decisions can be made on spending on the agreement of sustainable management regimes for new GI.

The current Chair for the GI Board is a representative from the East Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA). The following principal Authorities form the core membership of the Board:

- Leicestershire County Council
- Leicester City Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Nottingham City Council
- Derby City Council
- Derbyshire County Council

The following Environmental and Regional Organisations constitute the remainder of the Board membership:

- Natural England
- Environment Agency
- English Heritage
- Forestry Commission
- Landowners (Country, Land and Business Association, CLAB)
- NGOs (East Midlands Environment Link, EMEL)
- GreenSpace East Midlands
- East Midlands Biodiversity Partnership (EMBP)
- East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA)

In addition to this core of membership, additional organisations will be encouraged to make input as appropriate to the work of the GI Board, including: GOEM, Groundwork East Midlands, Rural Community Councils, Greenwood Community Forest, The National Forest Company, The Leicestershire Stepping Stones Project, the Strategic River Corridors Initiative, Culture East Midlands, East Midlands Rural Affairs Forum. These additional organisations will form the nucleus of a wider reference group, whose expertise will be drawn upon by the GI Board as appropriate.