Queens' Park Working Group
Terms of Reference (Ver. 3)

I Background and introduction

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek agreement on the proposed Terms of Reference for the Queen's Park Working Group.

1.2 Queen's Park Working Group (QPWG) was established as a partnership of Glasgow City Council, owner and operator of Queen's Park and Queen's Park Recreation Ground, and a variety of community-based groups who all have an interest in the ongoing health and vitality of Queen's Park & Queen's Park Recreation Ground for the benefit of surrounding communities within the three adjacent Council wards of Southside Central (in which the park is wholly located), Langside and Pollokshields.

1.3 It is proposed that QPWG is recognised by the above Area Partnerships as the principal liaison forum for community and Council engagement for Queen's Park and Queen's Park Recreation Ground.

1.4 At a democratic level, Glasgow City Council is represented on QPWG by a City Councillor from each of Southside Central, Langside and Pollokshields wards. At the level of officials, a variety of officials attend, mostly from NRS who manage the park on behalf of the Council but also, as required, from other Council departments and Glasgow Life who operate facilities in the park.

1.5 A variety of local community groups are represented on the Working Group. These include park-based community organisations (Friends of Queen's Park, Queen's Park Arena, Langside Halls Trust), several Community Councils (Crosshill & Govanhill, Mount Florida, Langside, Battlefield & Camphill, Shawlands & Strathbungo) and other locally-based organisations (e.g. South Seeds Ltd., Strathbungo Society, Southside Housing Association etc.).

1.6 It would be useful to have nominated Councillor and community Members for the Working Group (with formal alternates) to ensure continuity of membership and understanding of the role of QPWG.

1.7 It is proposed that as part of its ongoing work, QPWG will have the ability to establish sub-groups (as it did with the Queen's Park Development Plan Steering Group) to take forward its objectives.

II Aims and objectives

2.1 The proposed aims and objectives of the Queen's Park Working Group are to:

- promote constructive dialogue between the local community, City Councillors and officials on the management of Queens Park and Queen's Park Recreation Ground;
- be a liaison body for community bodies, elected Members and Council officials on the management and maintenance of Queen's Park;

- agree a Park Management Plan with identified short-, medium- and longer-term priorities and projects;
- be a forum to discuss and identify Council and external funding/resource opportunities to help increase investment in Queen's Park and Recreation Grounds behind Park Management Plan priorities.

III Queen's Park Working Group: agendas, meeting frequency

3.1 Queen's Park Working Group to meet on an eight-weekly cycle.

3.2 That the Working Group elect a Chair from among its membership.

3.3 That a Council official (tba) is identified as the person responsible to the Chair and Working Group for the management and administration of the Working Group and for following up on proposed actions between meetings.

3.4 That meeting agendas cover the following standing items:

(i) Minutes and Matters Arising (from the previous meeting).

(ii) Updates and recommendations on progress against the agreed Park Management Plan and from any sub-groups so-established.

(iii) Updates on current management and maintenance issues from (a) park officials, (b) community representatives and (c) elected Members.

(iv) Discuss and target sources of Council and external funding that might be used to aid the delivery of agreed projects within the Park Management Plan.

(v) Any Other Competent Business.

IV Conclusion

4.1 This paper outlines the proposed purpose, remit, governance, membership and operation of the Queens Park Working Group. It proposes that QPWG be formally recognised by the three relevant Area Partnerships as the principal forum for community/Council engagement and liaison on Queen's Park and Queen's Park Recreation Ground.

4.2 It is proposed that the Working Group adopt this revised Terms of Reference (Ver. 3) and seek the support of the three Area Partnerships to support the ongoing work of Queen's Park Working Group.

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