

# **MAYOR OF LONDON**

## **London Green Spaces Commission**

### **APPLICATION PACK**

#### **Commissioner positions**

Dear Applicant

**Membership of London Green Spaces Commission**

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the new London Green Spaces Commission (LGSC).

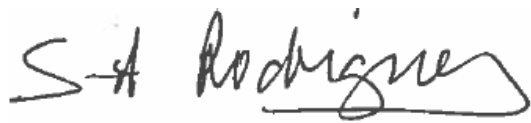
This applicant pack provides you with information on the aims of the commission, the role and responsibilities of Commissioners, and details of the application process.

If you would like to discuss this role or the planned work of the LGSC, please contact Andrew Jones, Environment Team, on +44 (0)20 7983 4305 or [andrew.jones@london.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.jones@london.gov.uk) or [peter.massini@london.gov.uk](mailto:peter.massini@london.gov.uk)

If you have any queries regarding the application process or if you require information in an alternative format, please contact Andrew Baxter [andrew.baxter@london.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.baxter@london.gov.uk).

We look forward to receiving your application.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'S-A Rodrigues', with a horizontal line under the name.

**Shirley Rodrigues**

**Deputy Mayor – Environment and Energy**

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# 1. The London Green Spaces Commission

The London Green Spaces Commission (LGSC) is a time-limited (initially 12 months) advisory body of experts appointed by the Mayor of London, chaired by the Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy.

We are appointing at least eight Commissioners in addition to the chair and vice chair. This board will include at least two representatives drawn from London boroughs.

The aim of the LGSC is to support London boroughs to transform how their parks services are managed and funded so that they can maintain or increase investment in parks and green spaces, in the context of substantial and ongoing constraints imposed on public sector funding.

## i. Objectives

To achieve this aim, the LGSC will:

1. Use our knowledge of the economic value of London's public green spaces to demonstrate the need for continued investment by boroughs and other key stakeholders, to maximise the of the social and environmental benefits they provide. This will build on the findings of the *Natural Capital Account for London's Public Green Spaces*.
2. Build a broad partnership of key decision-makers who recognise the value of London's parks and green spaces, and can influence future investment decisions and leverage additional sources of finance.
3. Develop and test sustainable business models for parks services in London boroughs so that they can maintain and increase investment in these assets to secure the public benefits they provide. These business models should consider new forms of finance and/or new or complementary governance structures. These might include:
  - i. Opportunities arising from further devolution of powers and funding
  - ii. A Parks Fund for London, to capture philanthropic donations from major institutions or corporations
  - iii. A London-wide parks management support service modelled on the recently established Public Practice, or the former London Ecology Unit

The LGSC will deliver two primary outputs within its 12-month initial term:

1. A published framework outlining recommendations and proposals for the transformation of parks and green spaces services within London boroughs towards sustainable business models, including a future finance framework for parks in London. This framework will be promoted to key stakeholders to communicate the value of London's green spaces and influence decision-making.
2. Up to three parks service transformation pilots in collaboration with London boroughs. The LGSC will provide advice and consultancy support to test these recommendations through an action-learning and co-creation process. The pilots may include a strategic review, transformation plan and initial actions towards full service transformation.

Additional outputs that help to meet the objectives of the LGSC may be agreed by the commission, within the relevant timeframe and resource constraints.

## ii. Governance

- The LGSC will be time-limited to a term of 12 months from its first meeting
- The LGSC will be an advisory not a decision-making body. The commission will make recommendations and proposals to the Mayor, London boroughs and other stakeholders, but does not have decision-making powers
- The LGSC will be supported by a secretariat staffed by officers of the Greater London Authority
- The LGSC will report to the Mayor of London, through the Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy (the Chair of the commission)

## 2. Role Profile: Commissioner

Commissioners will play a vital role in securing and shaping the future of parks and green spaces in London. You will provide expert advice to shape the outputs of the LGSC, contribute to the work programme and promote its recommendations and findings. You will help to find innovative, sustainable solutions to the challenges facing the funding, governance and management of parks services.

### i. Key responsibilities

The Commissioners are responsible for:

- Contributing to the formulation of the LGSC work programme and liaising with the LGSC Secretariat, GLA, London boroughs and other stakeholders to deliver the LGSC's work.
- Providing expert advice to shape the outputs of the LGSC, including borough parks service transformation pilots, and a published framework outlining recommendations for the future of parks and green spaces services in London.
- Making recommendations for expenditure of the LGSC budget, for example to commission research, or to deliver pilot projects.
- Promoting the work of the LGSC and its recommendations to key stakeholders, at meetings and events.

### ii. Role specification

The LGSC is seeking to appoint at least eight Commissioners who can demonstrate:

- Senior level experience, and a proven track record in one or more fields relevant to the commission. Individual commissioners are not expected to have experience in all fields. These include:
  - Public service transformation and innovation

- Public sector finance
  - Social finance and investment
  - Philanthropy
  - Public health and wellbeing
  - Land and property investment and management
  - Urban design and innovation
  - Community engagement and social benefit
- An interest in securing a sustainable future for parks and green infrastructure owned and managed by public bodies in London.
  - Strong leadership capability to engage and broker solutions with multiple stakeholders from a variety of sectors (business, national/ regional/ local government, NGOs etc.)
  - An ability to analyse issues at a strategic level in ways that are impartial, creative and focused on finding solutions
  - High-level experience of innovation and change management
  - An ability to operate effectively within a sensitive and political environment
  - An understanding of and total commitment to equalities and diversity

Please ensure you demonstrate how you match the above criteria in your covering letter.

London's diversity is its biggest asset and the membership of the LGSC will aim to reflect the diversity of London's citizens, communities and key constituencies.

### 3. Appointment details

#### i. Term of appointment

The appointment of Commissioners is made by the Mayor and is for a time-limited period of 12 months (the duration of the LGSC). Commissioners will be expected to serve a full 12 month term.

#### ii. Time Commitment

The likely commitment will be approximately one day per month. The LGSC will meet six times over the course of its operation, approximately once every four months, and Commissioners will be expected to attend all meetings. It is anticipated that meetings would take place during the working day and last approximately three hours.

Smaller working groups of Commissioners may be established to address specific issues or elements of the work programme. Commissioners will also be invited to attend meetings, workshops and events that are arranged as part of the LGSC's work.

#### iii. Remuneration/ Expenses

The position of Commissioner is not a remunerated position. Meetings will be held in London and Commissioners will be expected to meet their own expenses. However, expense claims will be considered by the GLA in exceptional circumstances and for travel expenses outside London by prior arrangement.

#### iv. Start Date

Appointees are expected to be available to take up their role from February 2019.

### 4. Appointment process

Following assessment of applications against the role specification criteria, shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by a selection panel of GLA officers.

Recommendations will be made to Shirley Rodrigues, Deputy Mayor – Environment and Energy, (Chair of the LGSC).

Interviews are expected to be held week commencing 17 December 2018. Please indicate your availability in your application.

The Mayor of London will confirm the appointments to the London Green Spaces Commission

The GLA promotes an equal opportunities policy. Appointments are made on merit, following a fair and transparent process, and these appointments are governed by Nolan principles and the Mayor of London's protocol on appointments. Please view our [Protocol on Mayoral Appointments](#) for further details.

This is the second round of recruitment to the Commission. We had a great deal of interest in the role in the first round of applications. However, given this is a new Board, we want to make sure we have an appropriate mix of Board members from all sectors and backgrounds from the outset and is representative of London's economically active population.

We would particularly welcome applicants who are interested in helping secure a sustainable future for London's parks and greenspaces with skills and experience in:

- private sector business insight
- social finance and investment
- public health and wellbeing

#### i. How to apply

Candidates are asked to submit a CV and covering letter via the online application system (5 sides of A4) giving details of the relevant experience that equips you to serve as a Commissioner. Please address criteria outlined in the role specification.

Please include the name and contact details of two referees and any relevant information regarding your eligibility for appointment and any Directorships you hold.

You must submit your CV and cover letter via our online recruitment system. You will also be asked to provide recruitment monitoring information.

Candidates should provide details of any business, or other interests, or any personal connections which, if appointed to the London Green Spaces Commission, could be

misconstrued or cause embarrassment to the Mayor or the Greater London Authority. This includes financial interests or share ownership, active connections or memberships of societies or associations.

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All data will be processed in accordance with the provisions of GDPR and the Data Protection Act.

The closing date for submission of applications is Sunday 09 December 2018 at 23:59 GMT.

Thank you for taking the time to apply for this role.