Role description for members of the Knowledge and Practice Standing Committee

Background

The main purpose of the Standing Committees is to support the Board of Trustees discharge its governance duties in respect of objectives set out in the Royal Charter.

The role of the committee is to provide insight, information and advice to the Council and Board to ensure well-informed decisions and activity.

The committee will report to the Council and provide regular updates of activities and plans and present an annual report to the Board.

A member of the Committee has a real tangible impact on the work of the LI and that of the landscape profession with strategic oversight of vital areas of work.

The role of the Knowledge and Practice Committee of the LI is to inform and assist with development and dissemination of technical guidance and best practice on landscape issues, to inform the knowledge and practice of members and the wider profession, and to oversee the LI's influence on technical landscape matters.

The Committee will work to promote a greater knowledge and understanding of materials, tools and technology to enhance the appreciation and resolution of practical landscape issues. It will support the LI in advancing a better understanding of the principles of natural, biological, physical and human systems relating to the landscape and provide expertise on technical issues relevant to the Royal Charter and corporate objectives.

Committee members will ensure the full range of expert input is sought from across and beyond the membership to address and promote best practice, guiding and overseeing Task and Finish groups working on detailed issues. They will work with the staff team to prioritise, to ensure the LI's resources have the greatest positive impact. The Committee will also work with staff to prepare for future technical practices, challenges and innovations that could have an impact on the landscape or members and help develop strategies to deliver LI objectives.

Examples of work the Committee members might do include:

- Identifying knowledge and practice priorities and making recommendations to the Board for their inclusion in the annual business plan.

- Commissioning and overseeing technical research, within agreed budgets, and its translation into evidence-based technical output.

- Engaging with branches, members, the Board and Council to gauge views and seek input to inform their choices and help manage priorities.

- Overseeing the creation of Tools, Guidance, Standards and Good Practice Principles to inform and support the objectives of the LI, ensuring approval by the Board where required.

- Fostering collaborative work by connecting with possible partners and stakeholders to help deliver objectives, and identify existing work the LI could take part in.

- Reviewing previous output or publications by the LI or others to improve it. Providing feedback on draft output from partners.

- Identifying and developing training to be delivered through the LI or externally, for example via Continuing Professional Development (CPD) provision, Workshops, Webinars, Talks, Conferences etc.

- Representing and reporting back to the LI on external committees, groups, events, media outlets, etc. as pre-agreed by the Panel and LI.

Committee members will represent the views of LI members, working closely with the staff team to deliver LI objectives and positive outcomes for the whole membership.

Committee terms of reference

The terms of reference [link] set out the role, duties and responsibilities of the Committee along with membership terms; code of conduct and the time commitment required.

Members of the Committee contribute their skills, knowledge and expertise to deliver the work of the Committee.

Person specification

We need a range of expertise and interests to be covered on the Committee and decisions on appointments will be based on ensuring a balanced and representative composition for the Committee, as well as individual skills and experience. For example, we would like all 4 nations of the UK to be represented.

Essential skills, knowledge and expertise

- Knowledge and understanding of landscape knowledge, practice or research issues.

  For example, you might have skills or experience in:

  Digital Technologies in Landscape, BIM, GIS, Spatial Data, Golden Rules, Digital Twins, AI, Digital Realities XR,AR,VR Design Tools, Carbon calculation, Biosecurity, Plant/Tree heath, knowledge and specification, hardscape specification, SuDS and water management, Soil and eco systems, Visualisation requirements methods and tools, Landscape Assessments and Management, Climate Adaption/Mitigation, Landscape services Legal and/or Contractual responsibilities, Biodiversity/Environmental/Nature based calculation methods, Surveying and Maps, Modelling Tools and Master Planning, Green Blue Infrastructure, Public Realm and / or Renewables.

This is not an exhaustive list.

Attributes

1. Experience of using or drafting technical landscape guidance and documents.

2. A willingness to represent views of members on knowledge and practice issues, declaring any external, related interests.

3. Experience of working with landscape professionals and a wide understanding of landscape issues.

4. Demonstrable ability to see the big picture, think creatively and understand how interventions act together to deliver outcomes.

5. Ability to work at the strategic level, guiding others, such as staff or task and finish groups, to deliver work that contributes to LI Corporate Strategy outcomes.

6. Experience of working in teams and with external partners to deliver objectives.

7. Strong communication skills and ability to work collaboratively towards a consensus.

8. Capacity and availability to actively engage with the Committee, including attending meetings and contributing to its work and issues of interest as required

Expenses

Membership of the Committee is undertaken on a voluntary basis and is not remunerated. Expenses related to delivering the work of the Committee will be reimbursed as per the LI's expenses policy [link]