

Green Spaces Advisory Board

6th May 2022

Attendees –

Ria Bailes, Senior Housing Advisor for Ground Control, Chair
Sam Jones, Housing Sector Lead, Ground Control
Richard Ellis, Director of Sustainability, Peabody
Nusheen Hussain, Executive Director of Business Development, Home Group and Greener Futures Partnership member
Elly Houtt, Group Director of Assets, Notting Hill Genesis
David March, Head of Environmental Sustainability, Orbit
Alexandra Willey, Director of Strategic Asset Management, Clarion
Ceri Theobald, Group Director Strategic Partnerships & Growth, Futures Housing Group

Apologies -

Michael Durrant, Director of Technical Services, Network Homes

Summary of meeting content

GSAB members discussed the benefits of partnership working and importance of maintaining sharp focus on delivering GSAB's objectives.

An update was provided on the work relating to developing and sharing ways to help residents learn about and engage with green space, biodiversity and environmental sustainability. Ways of doing this and the challenges that are likely to be faced will be part of the work on this objective. Terminology, varying levels of interest and knowledge are among the challenges identified. It is recognised that engagement needs to be at community level. Resident green champions have been established in some areas as a voice to tell the importance of green spaces in communities.

An update was also provided on the development of a green spaces roadmap, setting out how housing providers can utilise green assets to help achieve net zero. The key milestones of the roadmap have been established accompanied by ideas and insights from GSAB members. Some organisations within housing and outside of the housing sector have been identified as partners for various aspects of the roadmap. The next stage will be to gain wider ideas, comments and insights from across the sector – a series of workshops which will be launched at Housing 2022.

A number of requests have been received to present to GSAB. It was agreed that these would be included in the at the relevant points of the roadmap.