

THAMES AND LONDON WATERWAYS FORUM STEERING GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. BACKGROUND

The Mayor of London has set up the Thames and London Waterways Forum to advise on and address strategic river and waterway issues in London.

The Forum has brought together the London Waterways Commission and River Concordat and drives forward waterways priorities set out in the Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS), London Environment Strategy, London Plan and Culture Strategy.

The Forum's Steering Group also ensures alignment with the goals of the Port of London Authority's (PLA) Thames Vision 2035 for greater use of the Thames.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES AND REMIT

The Steering Group:

- Advises the Mayor on prioritised issues related to the River Thames and London's waterways
- Initiates and steers activities in relation to the implementation of policies relating to the London Plan, MTS, Environment Strategy, Culture Strategy and Thames Vision 2035
- Promotes and engages government, stakeholders and other relevant strategic bodies on waterways related issues
- Promotes river and waterways related strategic documents
- Promotes access alongside and to the waterways
- Advises on, and if appropriate, seeks funding for research and delivery projects
- Prioritises risks and helps mitigate risks, unblock barriers, and issues with coordination as identified by the working groups
- Promotes the use of the river for health and wellbeing

3. MEMBERSHIP

The membership is as follows:

Val Shawcross – Deputy Mayor for Transport (Chair)

Lilli Matson/Jon Fox – Transport for London

Robin Mortimer – Port of London Authority

Julian Bell – London Councils

David Leam – London First

Simon Moody – Environment Agency

Heather Clarke – Canal and River Trust

Greater London Authority (GLA) administrative attendee

4. GOVERNANCE

The Steering Group meets twice a year and oversees progress and prioritises waterways issues for the working groups to action.

A group of GLA, TfL and PLA officer's acts as secretariat for the Forum. The secretariat distributes the meeting agenda and papers at least one week before each meeting.

The meeting note of the Steering Group meeting are published on the GLA's website.