

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Statutory Background

LTGDC was established under the provisions of Schedule 26, sections 134 and 135 of the Local Government, Planning & Land Act 1980 to bring about the regeneration of the Lower Lea Valley and London Riverside.

LTGDC came into existence on 26 June 2004 as a result of the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation (Area & Constitution) Order, Statutory Instrument 2004 No.1642, and became operational on the appointment of the Chairman and Board members on 1 November 2004.

LTGDC is the planning authority for relevant applications under the provision of section 149 of the Local Government, Planning & Land Act 1980.

Aims and Objectives of the LTGDC

The aim of LTGDC is to promote and deliver sustainable regeneration and growth of the London Thames Gateway within the context of the national policies set out in the Department for Communities and Local Government's Sustainable Communities Plan, the strategies for the wider Thames Gateway sub-region and the Spatial Development Strategy for Greater London ("London Plan").

LTGDC's statutory objectives are to:

- Bring land and buildings into effective use
- Encourage the development of existing and new industry and commerce
- Create an attractive environment
- Ensure housing and social facilities are available to encourage people to live and work in the area.

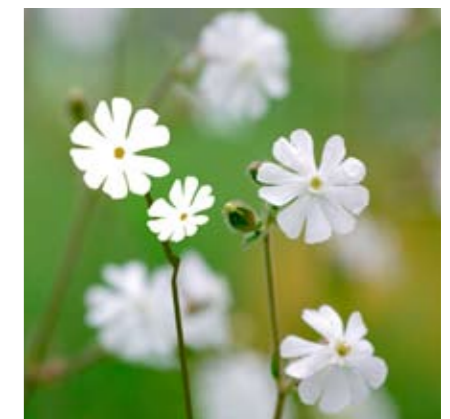
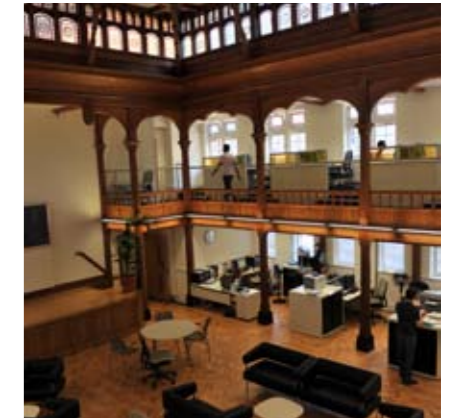
In order to pursue these duties LTGDC has the following powers:

- To acquire, hold, manage, reclaim and dispose of land and other property
- Carry out building and other operations
- Seek to ensure the provision of water, electricity, gas, sewerage and other services
- Generally do anything necessary or expedient to meet this purpose.

LTGDC's Operational Area

LTGDC's designated boundary is split into two areas and includes land in six boroughs – the Lower Lea Valley (London boroughs of Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest), and London Riverside (London boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Havering and a different part of Newham).

It is a limited life organisation (10 years), wholly financed by the Department of Communities and Local Government, with a board of directors appointed by the Secretary of State.



CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Statement of Board and Members' responsibilities

The Chairman and Board members have overall responsibility for the conduct of the business of LTGDC, both for ensuring that it meets the statutory responsibilities and for the quality of its management. This includes responsibility for the stewardship of public funds so as to ensure the highest standard of regularity, propriety and value for money from all financial transactions. Members are responsible, subject only to the directions of the Secretary of State and the advice of the Accounting Officer, for determining LTGDC's strategy and for developing its policies and programmes.

The Financial Memorandum to LTGDC, together with the internal delegations, set out a number of matters that require specific Board and departmental approval and authorisation limits. In addition the Board has agreed a Code of Practice for Board Members based on the Cabinet Office guidance.

LTGDC has formally appointed a Resources Committee, an Audit and Risk Committee and a Planning Committee.

Board Composition and Committee Memberships

The Corporation has been established with a Board of 13 members. It is now chaired by Bob Lane who was appointed on 1 November 2008. Previously, Lorraine Baldry had been the Chairman since 2004 with John Biggs as the Deputy Chair. Lorraine Baldry and John Biggs completed their terms of appointments on 31 October 2008. The Board Chairman is an ex officio member of both the Audit and Risk and Resources Committees.

The Board members provide LTGDC with a strong connection with the principal stakeholders within the local communities, and the private and public sectors.

The Resources Committee of the Board is responsible for approving material and contentious expenditure and advising LTGDC Board on budgets, management systems, financial policies and human resource policies. The Resources Committee met six times between 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2009.

The Audit and Risk Committee of the Board advises the Accounting Officer and the Board on the adequacy of LTGDC's risk management and internal control arrangements. The Audit and Risk Committee met four times between 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2009.

The primary function of the Planning Committee is to be the decision maker on all planning applications to be determined by LTGDC and applications to be considered by the Mayor of London or Secretary of State. It considers, and also advises the Board, on strategic planning and planning policy issues and the preparation of planning and regeneration plans and frameworks within the LTGDC area. It met 11 times between 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2009.

The Executive

The Executive is led by Peter Andrews who is the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer. The Executive is responsible for delivering the strategy set by the Board.

Current Board Members

	Audit	Planning	Resources
Bob Lane (Chairman)	✓		Deputy Chair
Ohid Ahmed	✓		
Sheila Drew Smith			✓
Imtiaz Farookhi	Chair		✓
Ken Giles	✓	■	✓
Stan Hornagold			Chair
Conor McAuley		Chair	
Mick McCarthy		✓	
Guy Nicholson		■	✓
Sylvie Pierce		✓	
Dru Vesty		Deputy Chair	
Michael White	Deputy Chair		
Board Members who left during 2008 – 2009			
Lorraine Baldry	✓	✓	Deputy Chair
John Biggs	✓	✓	Chair
Sid Kallar		✓	
Atul Patel		✓	
John Worthington		✓	✓
Non Board Members			
Paul Clarke (co-opted)	✓		
Alan Clark (co-opted)		✓	
Richard Turner (co-opted)		✓	

■ Denotes reserve member in absence of a member

