

Stewardship of a Garden Community

1. What assets will the stewardship body be required to look after? (Where possible, provide details on typology, extent, number, etc)		
A	Parks and open spaces	
B	Community facilities such as village halls and meeting places	
C	Leisure facilities (formal and informal)	
D	Public realm areas such as public car parks, squares, etc. (highlight if it has potential to be income generating)	
E	Private parking areas / driveways	
F	Verges and street lighting	
G	Commercial property such as retail units, offices, business premises, etc	
H	Utilities related infrastructure such as SUDs	
I	Energy related infrastructure	
J	Other	

2. Will the stewardship body have some responsibility for community development in the garden community?

3. To what extent is it important that the stewardship body is locally governed on behalf of the garden community rather than outsourced to a private or not-for-profit company?

4. Factors affecting the legal form the stewardship body might have?

A	Will it have charitable status?	
B	Will it be directly accountable to local residents or by a body of appointed trustees?	
C	Will it have any investors to whom profits would be distributed?	

5. How will the community assets be protected from exploitation by other parties acting other than in the community interest and seeking to exercise control for private profit purposes?

6. Has an initial estimate been prepared of the annual cost of maintaining and managing the assets outlined in the response to question 1 over an agreed period of time? Does this include an allowance for capital replacement costs?

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7. What funding options are feasible for funding the establishment and operational costs of the new stewardship body?

A	A cash endowment (if so where will the endowment come from? how will the size of the endowment be calculated?)	
B	Income from property assets (e.g. if the entity owns commercial or other income generating property)	
C	Service charges paid by residents	
D	Local taxation (the stewardship body could be a parish council)	
E	Charges for services (e.g. maintaining highways verges)	
F	A combination of the above	

8. Will the stewardship body own assets outright or hold them on a long lease from the local authority as the freeholder?

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9. Has any consultation taken place with local groups and/or residents to gain their views and on the potential shape of a new stewardship body for the garden community? If it has, what views and experiences have emerged?