

Executive Committee Terms of Reference: 25th January 2024

Purpose

The aim of Scotland's Landscape Alliance (SLA) is to collaborate to raise awareness of the importance of Scotland's landscapes to climate resilience and biodiversity, our economic performance and public health and wellbeing. In doing this, we want to gain public and political support for the better care of Scotland's landscapes and places to maximise future benefits.

Vision

Our vision is a Scotland where the benefits of landscape are recognised and strengthened to support delivery of Scotland's National Outcomes, the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the principles of the European Landscape Convention.

Objective

- An updated regulatory and policy framework that is joined-up in its approach, ensuring that the potential of landscape and place to deliver multi-functional benefits to people and our ecosystems, across every area of public policy.
- Increased understanding and heightened awareness with stakeholders and the public of the values and challenges facing Scotland's landscapes.
- A reinvigorated and connected landscape community acting as a landscape forum able to offer expertise and skills to support positive action on landscape matters.

Outcomes

In 2020 the SLA prepared a high level statement *Landscape and Place for Success* ([Read here](#)) with 10 overarching outcomes that the SLA wish to achieve over the next 5 years on a prioritised basis - <https://www.scotlandslandscapealliance.org/about-the-sla/outcomes/>

SLA Support

The SLA is supported by the National Trust for Scotland and Players of People's Postcode Lottery. This support consists of:-

- Coordination of communications via in house support.
- Provision of secretariat and support for meetings of the Executive Committee.
- Commissioning bodies for research or any other contractual obligations.
- One off funding for events.

Executive Committee & Working Groups

The SLA is currently led by an Executive Committee (EC) made up of business, academic, NGO, professional institute and government agency representation. NatureScot, the Scottish Government's lead statutory body for landscape have observer status on the Executive Committee and actively engage. The Executive Committee operate under these Terms of Reference.

One of the SLA's primary roles is to convene Scotland's Landscape Community of interest which spans a broad range of organisations and individuals across urban design, protected scenic areas, biodiversity, economic regeneration, health and wellbeing and social justice. Currently around 60 organisations are actively engaged with the SLA through debate led events and working groups.

The EC will continue to engage with its landscape community to promote the recommendations and maintain momentum to achieve the 10 overarching outcomes.

The Executive committee is currently co-chaired by the two founders of the SLA.

The Executive Committee will appoint any new members as required to ensure a balance across the committee to represent all areas of landscape and place. The EC will set up any further Working Groups from the SLA members as required to achieve its work. Leads for any ongoing Working Groups will constitute an Executive Committee member of the SLA which will provide support, guidance, coordinate if required and further commissioning of research and oversee collation and production of final outputs.

Members of the Executive Committee and Working Groups will be expected to cover their own costs. Direct meeting costs of the Executive Committee along with secretariat services will be provided by the NTS with funding currently from the People's Postcode Lottery for research and debate led events. Third parties (including SLA members) may also be approached in the event of further resource requirements being identified.

Our Work - Outputs

One of the SLA's primary roles is to convene Scotland's landscape community of interest acting as a landscape forum able to offer expertise and skills to support positive action on landscape matters.

This community spans a broad range of organisations and individuals across urban design, protected scenic areas, biodiversity, economic regeneration, health and wellbeing and social justice.

We are able to draw on this expertise through debates, events and working groups which has enabled us to develop a body of publications and reports providing current thoughts and advice on issues affecting Scotland's landscapes as well as respond to landscape related policy consultations or ongoing discussions where we believe a unified landscape response will be of most help to advising the Scottish Government.

<https://www.scotlandslandscapealliance.org/our-work/>

The SLA Landscape Community

The SLA will be open to any organisation or individual who commits to contributing to its aims or work. Ideally membership will span public, voluntary, community and private sector bodies.