

KGE Task and Finish Group

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

The KGE Task and Finish Group (“the Group”) is a Councillor group which is set up to consider options in relation to Knowle Green Estates Limited (“KGE”) and to present its proposals to KGE Board and to make recommendation to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee with the view to adopting a long term plan.

2. Membership

The Group will consist of 7 members across all parties and will include the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee and representation from the Community Housing and Wellbeing Committee.

The Chair of the Group will be nominated at the first meeting of the Group.

Key officer support from all departments may be invited to attend the meetings as required.

3. Meetings

The Group will run from January 2025 to March 2025 and its first meeting will be held as soon as possible in January and thereafter at least once a month.

4. Objectives

The Group’s key objective is to make recommendation to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee whether or not KGE should continue on the basis of the existing limited liability company.

More specifically, the Group will consider:

- the Council’s representation and representative(s) on KGE board of directors
- the Monitoring Officer continuing with the role of the Company Secretary / propose alternatives
- steps in order to mitigate risk of conflict of interests where members or Council officers also hold key roles on KGE board of directors
- governance arrangements to ensure compliance with best practice and LLG Code of Practice
- whether KGE should apply to become a registered provider

- whether the KGE housing stock should be transferred back to the Council and a Housing Revenue Account be re-opened
- wider implications of each of the options, including (but not limited to) loan securities against KGE borrowing and the Council's priority of addressing housing needs

The Group will also consider the potential implications of local government reform and devolution plans.

5. Output

The Group will formulate and present its proposals to KGE Board on 19 March 2025 and the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee on 24 March 2025.