

## **SILC CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY SUB-GROUP: TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. **Role and Purpose.** The Climate & Sustainability Sub-group (CSG), hereafter referred to as the 'Sub-group', is responsible for leading SiLC activities in the following areas, all to be undertaken in collaboration with SiLC's constituent professional bodies:
  - a. Building capacity and capability across the industry and the SiLC Community in particular in terms of knowledge and expertise in climate change and sustainability as relevant to brownfield land.
  - b. Raising awareness across the brownfield sector and providing thought leadership working with the wider geoscience, soil and brownfield community, including government and government agencies, CL:AIRE and others, to shape policy, practice and regulation.
  - c. Promulgating good practice in sustainable soil and land management as part of brownfield redevelopment projects and in support of the drive to Net Zero. The aim is to deliver an integrated approach that seeks to restore and enhance soil condition, thereby increasing biodiversity and the ability to retain and/ or sequester carbon and providing ecosystem services, whilst minimising the emissions and waste arising from the development, remediation and restoration activities. An approach that builds in resilience to the effects of climate change, whether at the risk assessment or remediation stage of a scheme's design.
  - d. Supporting the development of good practice through participating fully in and representing SiLC on initiatives such as: BSi EH04 Soil Quality and CIRIA's Soil Community of Practice.
  - e. Reviewing the SiLC Criteria, exam and Skills Framework to ensure it meets the professional requirements for a SiLC operating in today's climate change and sustainable development aware society.
  - f. Maintaining a Brownfield Re-development Climate & Sustainability Knowledge Hub comprising SiLC documents, training courses, presentations etc. with signposts to other sources.
  - g. Enhancing the standing of SiLC.
  
2. **Group membership.** The Group will meet every 2-3 months and will be led by a Chair and Deputy Chair. It will comprise a core membership of representatives from the SiLC constituent professional bodies, representatives from bodies such as CIRIA and the British Society of Soil Science, and supported by a cohort of registered SiLCs with an interest in climate and sustainability. Members can choose to be full attendees or corresponding members only.
  
3. In summary:
  - a. Chair:
    - Appointed by SiLC PTP.
  
  - b. Core Membership:
    - Geol Soc.
    - CIWEM.
    - IEMA.
    - ICE.
    - RSC.
    - AGS
    - IES.

- c. Non-core Membership:
- British Society of Soil Science.
  - CLA:IRE and SuRF UK.
  - CIRIA.
  - BSi.
  - SiLC Supporters.

4. Where nominated Core membership representatives are not available, an empowered deputy is expected to attend in their place.

5. Interested Supporter membership shall be invited by an open call to the SiLC register for volunteers and appointed following a review by the Group's leadership to create a Group capable of delivering the agreed aims.

6. Membership will be reviewed periodically with places allocated to those who actively contribute to delivering the aims of the Group, whether this is by:

- Representing SiLC on third party initiatives and committees;
- Delivering talks, trainings, participating in panel discussions to help raise awareness and increase capability in the sector;
- Creating exam questions and writing model answers; or
- Any other activity agreed by the Group in promulgating the Group's aims.

7. **Authority, accountability and escalation.** The Group will operate under the authority of the SiLC PTP and be accountable to them.

8. **Agenda.** The Group will decide the agenda with advice from the PTP and wider membership. This will be published a minimum of 5 working days in advance of the meeting together with any supporting documents. Copies will be held on the Climate & Sustainability Sharepoint site hosted by Forum Court. The following items will be considered at each meeting:

- Actions from previous meeting – summary update and progress.
- Issues and risks.
- New requirements and opportunities.
- Group (climate change and sustainability-related) workflow and resources.

The Record of Actions and Decisions (RoADs) will be published generally within 5 working days.

9. **Group administration.** The Group will be administered by Forum Court and chaired by person or persons appointed by the SiLC PTP in accordance with the SiLC GDPR policy.