

Forres Conservation & Heritage Scheme

Partnership Management Group

APPENDIX 1



The Forres Conservation & Heritage Scheme Partnership Management Group (PMG) consists of representatives from: Moray Council, Forres Area Community Trust, Forres in Bloom, Findhorn Bay Arts, Forres Area Forum, Forres Heritage Trust, Leancoil Trust, Forres Community Council, Visit Moray Speyside, Friends of the Falconer Museum, local councillors, business representatives and other relevant stakeholders (to be agreed), advisers and champions.

The PMG will be led by a wide range of partners, co-ordinated by Moray Council Economic Growth & Regeneration Team, supported by a number of Moray Council departments & specialist advisers. The PMG will meet bi-monthly with an agenda and minute taker from Moray Council.



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The key areas of focus for the Partnership Management Group are:

- To steer development of the Forres Area Conservation & Heritage Scheme and all associated activity in line with community need and funder requirements.
- To contribute to procurement assessment/evaluation panel processes in line with Moray Council Public Procurement requirements.
- Assess and support grant applications during the delivery phase of the project.
- To identify opportunities to promote and celebrate the unique character of Forres and enhance the sense of place.
- To identify and develop other initiatives that collectively support the aims of the project within a strategic framework.
- Act as project ambassadors to encourage and support community and business engagement with project activity being mindful of barriers.
- To ensure that all proposals and investments are complementary.
- To consider ways to reduce negative and promote positive environmental impacts during all areas of project delivery and post-completion.

The overarching aims and objectives of this partnership are:

- To provide wider access to, understanding of and engagement with local heritage and green spaces within the Conservation Area, including Grant Park and Castle Hill.
- To protect, conserve and enhance the local heritage of Forres, foster community cohesion and participation.
- To create a sense of local ownership of and pride in heritage and maximise the social benefits it can bring.
- To position the historic environment at the centre of place making activity by developing a Heritage Quarter.
- To enhance the visitor experience of Forres Town Centre and boost local economic opportunities in a sustainable and inclusive way.
- To increase the quality and availability of historic environment skills, raise awareness of climate action, adaptation and sustainability.
- To develop and support activities that will strengthen the resilience of the built, cultural and natural environment.

These aims are identified as being intrinsically linked.



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