



Southeast Communities Rail Partnership CIC



SCRP 10

Policy Title: Line Steering Group's terms of reference

Each Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Line Steering Group (the Steering Group) is a group of local authorities, train operating companies, businesses, interest groups and local stakeholders who work in partnership.

Purpose of the Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Line Steering Group:

“Work with stakeholders to improve and enhance connections to the railway, increasing sustainability, healthy and accessible travel. Supporting social and economic development, and enhancing communities by bringing them together, through local projects and initiatives.”

The steering group exists to:

- Agree a yearly action plan for the Line Officer who, with support from partners, will implement
- To help and support Steering Group members meet their own objectives
- To focus on working with local communities
- To assist, advise and steer the work of the Officer via Action Plans, reports, and meetings
- To allow each partner the opportunity for input, questioning and comment
- To develop the work of the Group
- To exchange information and views
- To ensure an annual stakeholder meeting is held

Partners in the Steering Group

Partners are drawn from the following depending on the local situation; normally each Steering Group would have 1 representative (this may be shared where volunteers are concerned)

- Representatives from each local community located along the particular line, a Local Councillor or Officer
- Representatives from relevant organisations such as youth forums, tourism bodies, bus companies, station partnerships, user groups
- Representatives from Train Operator local management

What is expected of each Partner:

- Contribute through time, in kind and/or financial resources to the achievements of the Steering Group



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- Work with Officers to set Action Plans and achieve their aims
- To attend meetings whenever possible (at least one meeting per year should be attended and apologies sent when not able to make meetings)
- To contribute to consultations relating to the Action Plan or the Steering Group
- To assist Officers where possible with work of the Steering Group
- To assist in maintaining strong relationships between CRP and local communities

What is expected of the Steering Group:

- The Chair and Vice-chair to meet with Line Officer as necessary to support the delivery of the Action Plan
 - To achieve its objectives and to report progress
 - To hold an Annual General Meeting.
 - The Steering Group shall meet not less than twice a year.

Code of conduct that will be followed by the Steering Group

- To promote positive relationships to deliver positive outcomes and discussions
- To champion diversity and inclusion, aiming to ensure that community rail is welcoming, engaging, and respectful for everyone
- To value others by listening and not making assumptions
- To challenge bullying, harassment, intimidation and report all negative behaviour to the Chair.
- Never to act in a manner that could bring community rail into disrepute.

Chair & Vice Chair Elections

Each Group shall have both a Chair and a Vice Chair. These shall be elected annually by the Steering Group. Subject to formal Board approval, the Chair may be invited to become a volunteer Director of the SCRIP CIC.

Voting Rights

Decisions shall normally be made by consensus but in the rare event of a vote being necessary each member organisation shall have one vote.

The Chairperson shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie.



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