

GM Enabling Walking Steering Group Terms of Reference June 2026

This document should be read in conjunction with the GM Walking Plan Capacity Role Brief June 2026.

The Steering Group

Following the 2024 Mayoral Manifesto Commitment there have been discussions within the GM Walking Voice and a wider group of stakeholders on the way forward. This group has become the GM Enabling Walking steering group to progress the development of a GM Walking Plan.

A brief for some short-term capacity to accelerate the work has been developed and expressions of interest have been invited. The project will be contract managed by GM Moving on behalf of the GM Enabling Walking steering group.

Steering Group Members

The earlier discussions identified a core group who would be best able to make progress and they are drawn from:

- GM Moving
- GMCA Active Travel Commissioner's team
- TfGM
- GMCA Green City Region
- Cyan Lines
- Canal and River Trust
- Walk Wheel and Cycle Trust
- Living Streets
- Ramblers
- GM Ringway

These partners have been confirmed as the members of the steering group for the project to establish a prospectus, and a set of investable propositions, with a business case and outline delivery approach to 'Enabling Walking' in GM.

Role of the Steering Group

The steering group will support GM Moving as the managing entity for the project, receive regular progress reports, monitor the progress of the contact and initially take forward the outputs.

The steering group will also provide the key sounding board/point of reference for the consultants.

It is expected that the partners would attend regularly and be active participants in the research process, data identification and collection and partner updates.

1. Attend monthly meetings and shape priorities of the work
2. Contribute to discussions to steer and guide the work to develop a GM Walking prospectus, investible propositions and approach to delivery.
3. Contribute to partnership and evaluation approaches.
4. Help connect with wider GM networks and workstreams to help align the work.
5. Contribute relevant and appropriate organisational data and supporting resources to contribute to a coordinated, evidence-based plan and approach for GM Walking.
6. With clear statements around potential conflicts of interest, steering group members may be remunerated to undertake elements of the work, if due procurement processes are followed and the steering group is in favour.

Meetings of the Steering Group

Meetings will be convened by GM Moving and are expected to be held monthly during the active first phase of the project (to March 2027).

It is envisaged that decisions will be arrived at by consensus and the records of the meetings will be shared with the steering group members, funding partners and be fully available to wider stakeholders through the GM Moving website.

Quarterly updates on this work will be shared with the GM Moving partnership Board, and through TfGM and GMCA reporting mechanisms.