

Call for Task Group Applications:

Cost benefit review of nature-based solutions

Project Aims and Methods

This project aims to offer guidance on choosing nature-based solutions that best deliver predefined outcomes and multiple benefits for the involved stakeholders. This work will review existing ways of quantifying costs and benefits of nature-based solutions, including non-monetary benefits as well as assess the cost of not using nature-based solutions. Finally, this work aims to identify suitable project-specific financing models for the creation and management of nature-based solutions to deliver positive outcomes.

The output of this is expected to be a report, building on the Principles for [Delivering Urban Nature-based Solutions](#).

The primary audience of this report is envisaged to be developers, owners, and managers of buildings and estates, and local authorities, with additional focus on the investment and financing sector. However, this will also be valuable resource for project and design teams, local communities, and other stakeholders.

The project methodology will include desktop research and extensive engagement with key stakeholders, including via meetings, roundtables, on-line consultation, a Peer Review Group, and a Task Group.

This project is part of UKGBC's [Resilience and NBS programme](#), which aims to help the built environment adapt to the impacts of climate change, embrace nature, and promote biodiversity, through prioritising the use of nature-based solutions.

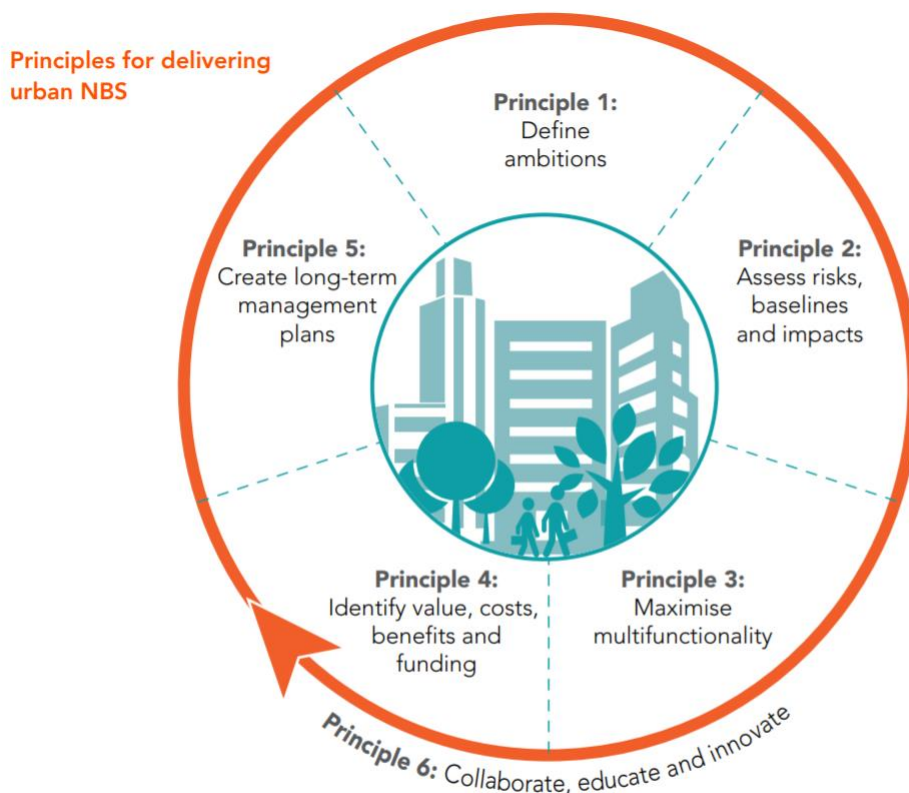


Figure 1: Principles for delivering urban nature-based solutions

Task Group purpose

The Task Group will create the project's core content. They will ensure that the guidance builds on existing industry knowledge and initiatives and that the output is of a quality and form that is practicable to the intended industry professionals. We will therefore be seeking a level of knowledge and understanding of existing / emerging related industry initiatives within the Task Group, for example, experience delivering nature-based solutions, co-finance models, Natural Capital.

The Task Group will work towards the following key objectives:

1. Review existing industry and government outputs and identify gaps in existing information and data, along with current and planned relevant research.
2. Review existing approaches to cost benefit analysis of nature-based solutions.
3. Based on research and project experience, develop guidance on how to holistically assess cost and multifunctional benefits of nature-based solutions, including non-financial value.
4. Identify and test best practice methodology of cost benefit assessments and the development of finance models.

Task Group Commitments

Individuals on the Task Group are expected to make the following commitments:

- Represent your sector / area of expertise, highlighting specific successes, lessons, challenges, and opportunities.
- Leverage your technical expertise, networks, experience, and knowledge to ensure the framework is as comprehensive and inclusive as possible, with outputs and outcomes of lasting value to the industry.
- Utilise existing industry networks and connections to link to existing or ongoing work that can contribute to the project.
- Attend virtual fortnightly meetings (see table below). If attendance is not possible for a particular meeting, participants will be encouraged to send a relevant colleague as a replacement.
- Review any papers / reading materials before the meeting
- Assist with research and writing tasks
- Help promote industry consultations and seek industry endorsements.
- Help promote the launch of the guidance document.

Whilst the exact work programme for the Task Group is yet to be set, we anticipate Task Group members contributing at least **8 hours** per month from September 2021 to January, and **3 hours** per month in February and March.

Table 1: Provisional dates for Task Group workshops

Meeting Dates*	Time	Topics
Tuesday 28 th September	11 – 1pm	Workshop 1
Thursday 14 th October	1 – 3pm	Workshop 2
Thursday 28 th October	1 – 3pm	Workshop 3
Wednesday 17 th November	11 – 1pm	Workshop 4
Wednesday 1 st December	11 – 1pm	Workshop 5
Wednesday 15 th December	11 – 1pm	Workshop 6
Thursday 13 th January	1 – 3pm	Workshop 7
Thursday 27 th January	1 – 3pm	Workshop 8
Thursday 10 th February	1 – 3pm	Review final draft

**Please note that the dates of meetings may be subject to change. We will alert Task Group members to any changes as soon as possible.*

Criteria and application process to join the Task Group

Applications to join the Task Groups will be open from Tuesday 24th August until **Friday 10th September 2021**.

Applicant Criteria:

We are inviting relevant experts from the UKGBC membership to apply and are seeking a broad range of expertise including, but not limited to:

- Existing and emerging industry and academic research, evidence, and policy recommendations in support of nature-based solutions.
- Delivering nature-based solutions and overcoming financial hurdles.
- Adapting to climate change using nature-based solutions.
- Assessing non-financial value, such as Natural Capital assessments.
- Valuing common goods
- Ecosystem services
- Development of innovative co-finance models.
- Investment in climate adaptation.

We encourage applicants from businesses and organisations across the built environment to ensure a diverse range of views and perspectives in the Task Group. These include investors, lender, insurers, developers, contractors, engineers, architects, planners, academic researchers, government bodies, NGOs.

Applicants will be chosen based on their experience, whilst ensuring a diversity of individuals within the Task Group. UKGBC is committed to actively targeting a diverse representation in the composition of all task groups. We want to be inclusive to everyone regardless of ethnicity, religious beliefs, gender, marital status, age, disability, sexual orientation or political beliefs. This includes targeting an even gender split on this task group.

To apply to join the Task Group, please email Kai Liebetanz (kai.liebetanz@ukgbc.org) with a short summary (max. 200 words) highlighting relevant knowledge, skills and experience. Please include your Full Name, Job Title & Department, Organisation, Location/Geographic Focus of Work, Sector & Contact Details. A template application form is provided in the annex of this document.

We expect to finalise the Task Groups w/c 13th September.

For any enquiries or to join the general interest mailing list, please contact Kai Liebetanz using the above contact details.

Annex: Application Template

Please send the following details to kai.liebetanz@ukgbc.org by **Friday 10th September 2021**.

Full Name	
Job Title	
Department	
Organisation	
Location/Geographic Focus of Work	
Primary Sector	
Please explain your relevant knowledge, experience and skills (i.e. Design engineering, physical risk specialist, financial adviser, building owner, insurer etc., 100-200 words)	
Please share any involvement with previous / current relevant industry initiatives or research (i.e. participation in working groups, contributions to reports, etc.)	
Would you consider leading the Task Group you have applied for?	
Are there currently any meetings you know you cannot attend? See Table 1.	

Thank you to our Resilience and NBS Programme Partners

**John Ellerman
Foundation**

ARUP

BURO HAPPOLD

CBRE

**Federated
Hermes**

HOARE LEA

ISG