

**Newcastle Parks Trust – Public Information Sharing Sessions
Proposed Governance - July 2018**

Over the last few months we have been continuing to set up the Newcastle Parks Trust, to care for and develop our parks and allotments in the future. We are now at a stage where we would like to meet with you again, to share some specific information with you. We have arranged 3 open sessions in July which we hope you will be able to attend. We would like to cover the following:-

1. **Governance:** explain the proposed governance structure for the Trust in more detail and share the constitution with you (Articles of Association).
2. **Community Representation Sub-Group:** the public consultation we undertook back in 2017 made it clear that the community would like to see their interests and views transparently and formally included within the Trust's structure. We have therefore included a "Community Representation Group" within the governance, as a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees. We have also constructed draft Terms of Reference with support from the Parks Forum, Allotment Working Group and community and third sector focus groups facilitated by NCVS. We would now like to share the Draft Terms of Reference more widely with the general public.
3. **Opportunity for Questions.**

We would be delighted if you could find the time to attend one of the following sessions:-

Date	Venue	Time
Monday, 16 th July	Leazes Park, Springbank Pavilion	12:30 – 1:30
Tuesday, 17 th July	West End Women and Girls, Elswick Park (Blue Hall)	6:30 – 7:30
Saturday, 21 st July	Jesmond Dene, Visitor Centre	12:30 – 1:30

You can find the Articles of Association and Terms of Reference for the Community Representation Group on our website, in advance of the sessions, at this link:

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/leisure-libraries-and-tourism/parks-and-countryside/future-newcastles-parks-and-allotments>

Or search for "parks trust" at www.newcastle.gov.uk and click on "The Future of Newcastle's Parks and Allotments".

Please share this as widely as you can and we look forward to meeting with you then.

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