

Future Parks

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Governance workshop activities

Issues and opportunities

In small groups, think about the:

- opportunities and possibilities
- challenges, issues and problems

in relation to the future governance of your parks



Skills and attributes

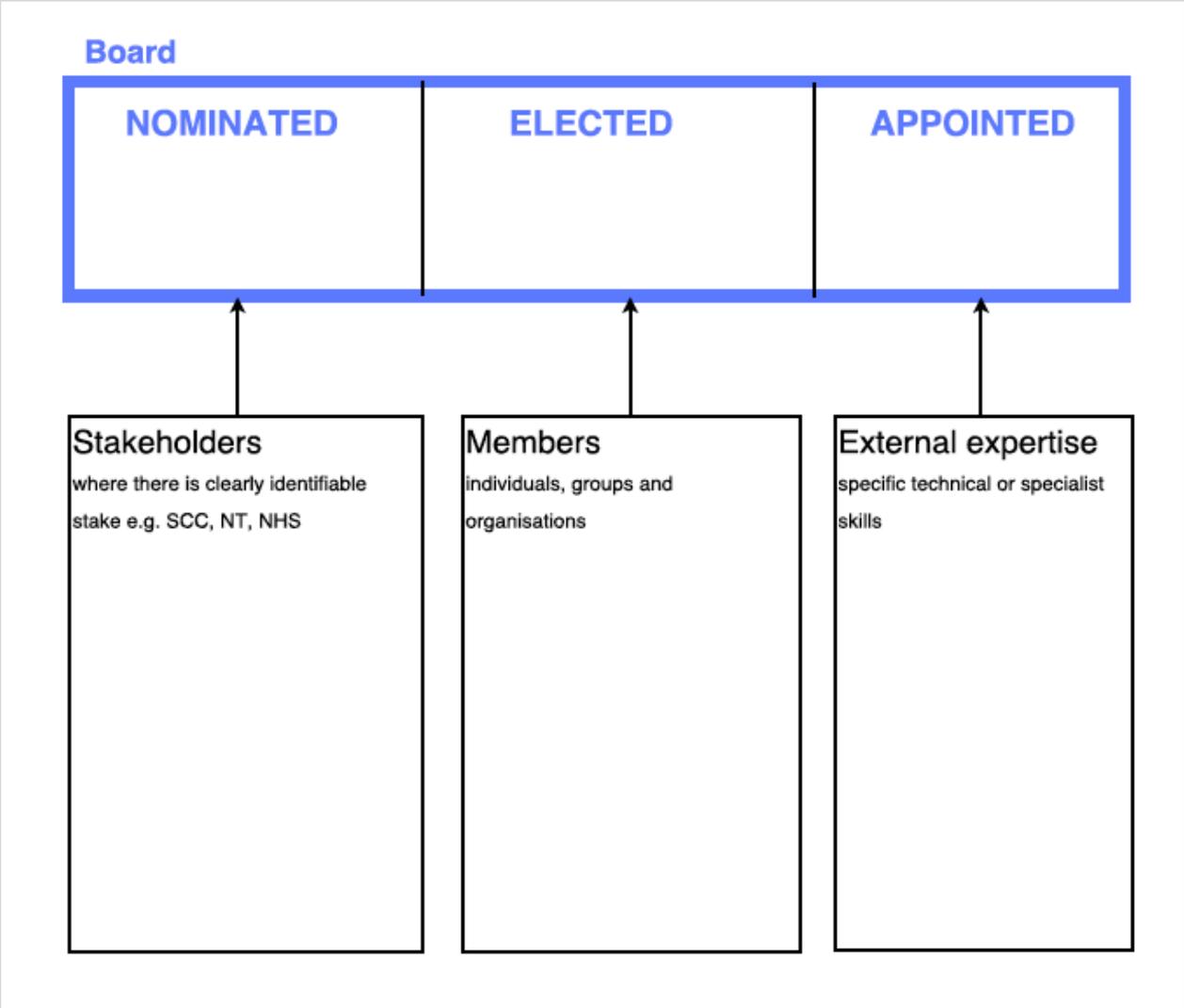
Theme similar opportunities and challenges together and name them

What type of skills or attributes are required to enable the new organisation to address these?

Identify which skills fit best within governance, management and operations respectively

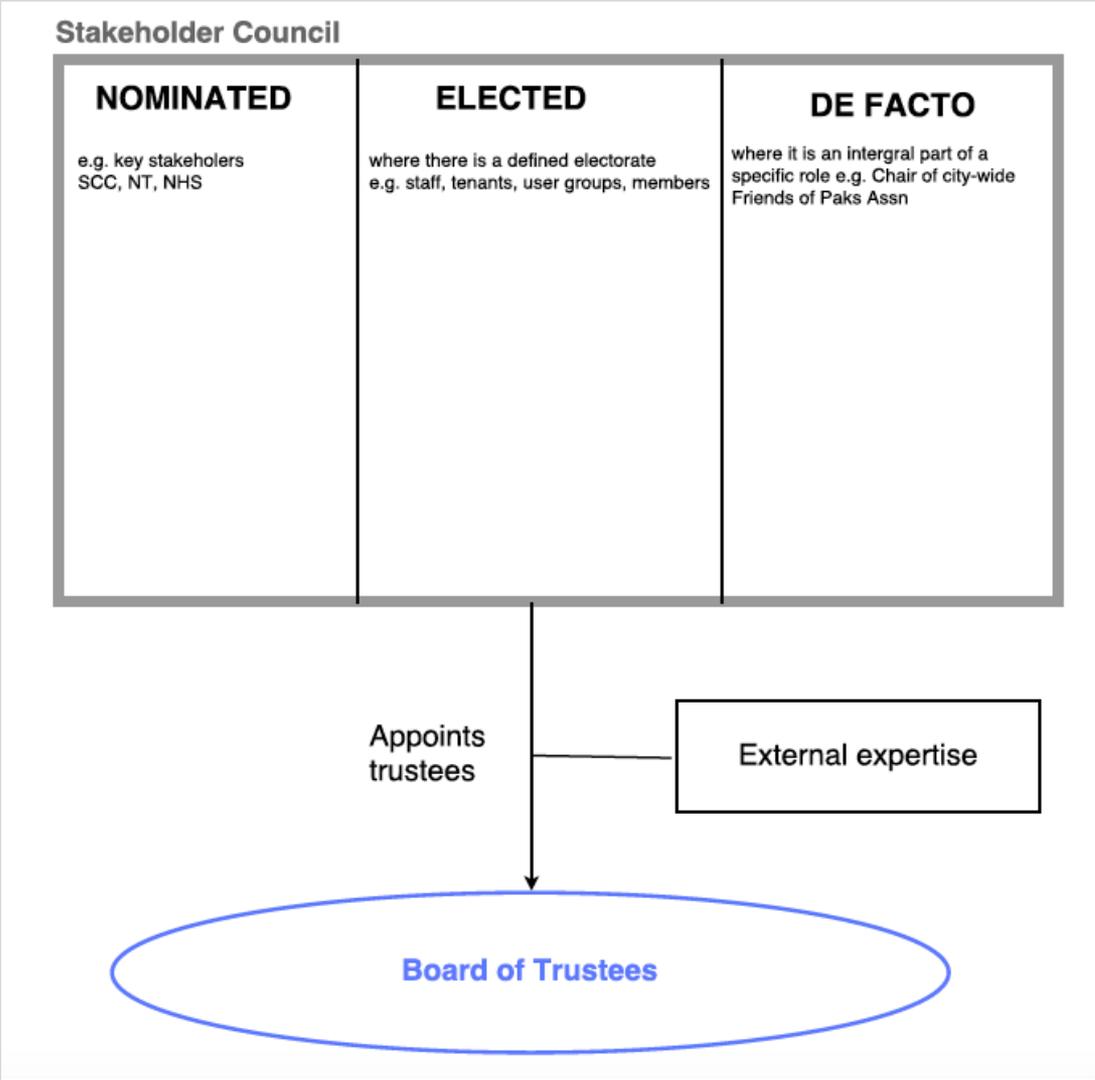
Options for recruiting trustees

Direct



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Indirect



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Take the Direct and Indirect Models and discuss what are the pros and cons of each

Try to populate the models with an exemplar for your area – how far would it deliver the skills identified in previous activity?

Test the models against the following criteria: cost-effectiveness; risk mitigation; accountability and democratic engagement; ability to deliver for people and parks; ability to deliver for investors and asset owners

Building a public membership model

Pros / opportunities

- Enhances transparency and accountability
- Opportunity to engage directly with park users and other stakeholders
- Improves influence and adds weight to advocacy
- Provides fundraising opportunities
- Gives people a way to directly support their city's parks

Cons / challenges

- Complexity and cost of administration
- Potential distraction from core business, especially in early days
- In early days potential conflict between trustees and membership
- Ensuring representation and avoiding domination of single interests

Membership considerations

What would be your criteria for membership?

What rights would membership confer? e.g. decision making and governance

How much would it cost to recruit and service the membership? Is this proportionate to benefits?

Creating checks and balances

Consider the balance of appointment, nomination and election of Trustees

How would member votes, if any, be weighted?

What length of term would Trustees serve?



Risks and mitigation

Identify key risks regarding governance and membership - what could go wrong?

How might they be mitigated – how can we guard against them?

