

Food & Climate Action DEMAND FOR LAND

Stage 1 =

Identifying the land

Finding out who owns the land? (Named person, organisation, contact details)

- Ask council
- Support available from Community Land Scotland
- Check the Land register (costs £3 per search)
- Check history of planning applications/ who pays rates

By 2025 every landowner in Scotland should have registered their land ownership with the Registers of Scotland. Currently only around 50% is known.

Checking if the land is suitable for growing. (Soil health, water/power access, biodiversity, current use)

Fully accessible, free, complete and up-to-date map of all land in Glasgow, who owns it (named person or organisation, contact details)

- Check historical use for potential industrial pollutants
- Soil checks (James Hutton Institute can offer support)
- Community consultation

stage 2 =

Leasing or buying the land

The Community Empowerment Act states that local authorities have a duty to provide allotments to those who want them, keeping the waiting list to below 50% of the number of plots in the city

Deciding on group structure. (Individual, constituted, CIC, charity, community of interest)

- Agree aims and whether profit making/not for profit
- Registration with relevant bodies (Companies House, OSCR)
- Applications for business banking

Step-by-step guidance for groups for taking on land
Fund to pay any fees for registering
Directory of support is available
Dictionary of terminology

Accessing relevant advice, information (legal, financial, insurance), and funding

Agreement to lease/buy/transfer from owner

- Support from other growers
- Market Gardeners' Toolkit
- Support from Legislators of Scotland

Many groups won't fund growing projects without a land lease, and it is hard to get a lease without funds in place

- Community consultation
- Agreement of terms, prices
- Negotiation of long term leases (eg 25 year) to ensure longevity of project

Councils have climate pledges, biodiversity, open space and food growing strategies. Bringing land into growing helps with all of these

Easy access to funding such as First Port, National Lottery, Community Funds
Support from council to provide lease agreements in order to levy funds

