

## Project prioritisation

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### Purpose

To provide guidance on choosing and prioritising projects in which to invest Northey Street City Farm resources of time, money and material goods. The Farm acknowledges that projects are created, developed and implemented by our passionate members. People power is the defining resource needed to fulfill each project.

### Policy

1. The direction of The Farm is discussed annually at the Visioning Sessions and the Farm planning event, where opportunities for growth and development are identified and planning for their implementation begins. The Farm acknowledges that while there are formal avenues for input into the planning cycle, this in no way undermines the beautiful ideas and discussion about the future of The Farm that occur 'under the mango tree'.
2. Because resources are finite, only a few projects can be undertaken at a time. In general terms it is better to improve and fix the goods and services already on offer, than spread resources thinly with more and more new projects. Unlike a business that chooses projects on their ability to produce profit and commands staff to implement them, The Farm chooses projects and prioritises the implementation of these projects using standards informed by permaculture principles, such as consensus decision-making processes.
3. All projects must help The Farm fulfill its mission and aims.

### Procedures

1. Projects initially receive some prioritising in the Five-Year Plan.
2. As part of the annual planning cycle, teams and enterprises submit their own priorities at the Farm planning event, where overall Farm priorities are established.
3. Emerging needs are discussed and prioritised through the Team Reps meeting.
4. For procedures in site-related projects, please refer to the Site Design Policy.

