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Landscape Institute welcomes creation of Design Council - CABE

The Landscape Institute welcomed today's birth of the new body bringing together CABE and the Design Council. Alastair McCapra, Landscape Institute CEO commented: 'The LI is committed to supporting the work of the new body and will be represented on its Advisory Council. We will also be working with the recently-announced Bishop report into the delivery of Design Review which will be an important opportunity to support these services over the next few years.'

The Landscape Institute has also announced that from today it will take over CABE Space's role in Spaceshaper and Green Day, which it will be taking forward with project partners.

Spaceshaper is a practical toolkit designed to measure the quality of a public space before investing time and money in improving it. Spaceshaper captures the views of professionals who are running the space as well as those of the people that use the space. Facilitated workshops discuss the results, design quality and how the space works for different people.

Green Day is an initiative that helps to make schools sustainable. It is designed to inspire pupils and colleagues in schools to learn about climate change and how it relates to the buildings and spaces around them.

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1. To find out more about the Landscape Institute visit www.landscapeinstitute.org
2. To find out more about the CABE – Design Council merger and future plans, visit www.designcouncil.org.uk
3. The Landscape Institute is the professional body for landscape architects. It is an educational charity and chartered body responsible for protecting, conserving and enhancing the natural and built environment for the benefit of the public. It champions well-designed and well-managed urban and rural landscape. The Institute's accreditation and professional procedures ensure that the designers, managers and scientists who make up the landscape architecture profession work to the highest standards. Its advocacy and education programmes promote the landscape architecture profession as one which focuses on design, environment and community in order to inspire great places where people want to live, work and visit. The Institute provides services to assist members including support and promotion of the work of landscape architects; information and guidance to the public and industry about the specific expertise offered by those in the profession; and training and educational advice to students and professionals looking to build upon their experience.