

# **GENERAL MEETING:**

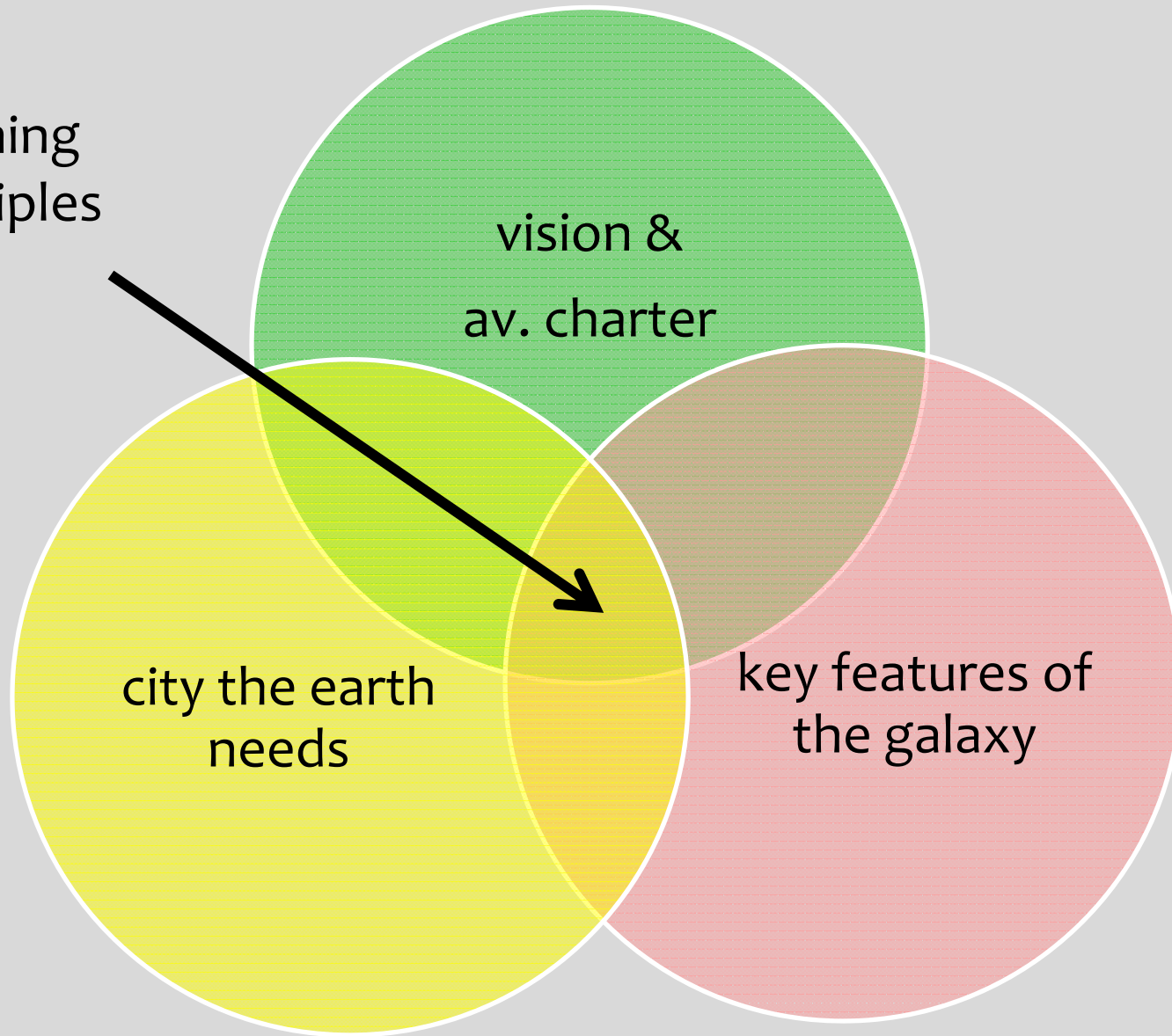
**Update on TDC restructuring;  
Planning Principles & Terms of Reference (ToR)**

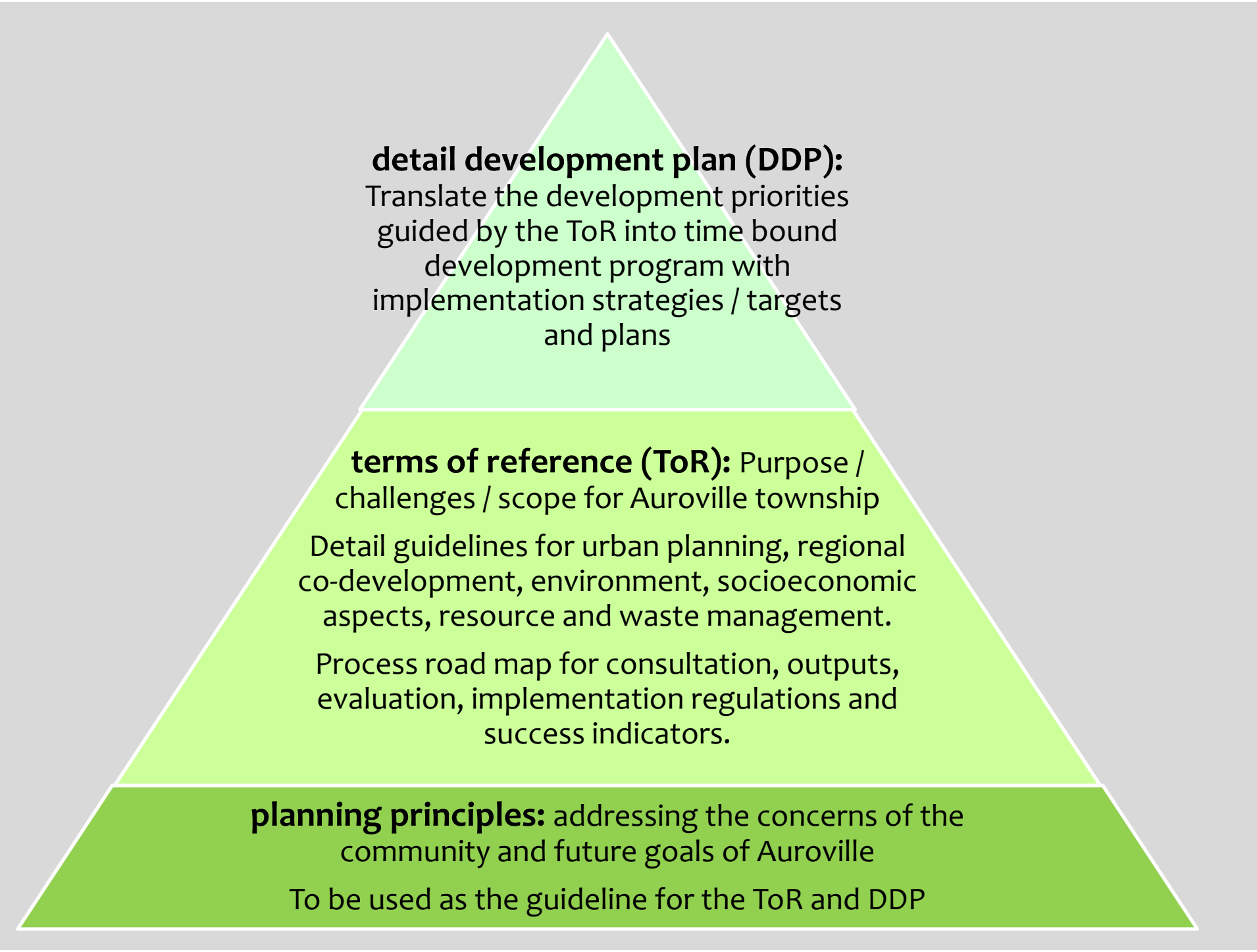
**16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

- 1. Introduction to the Planning Principles and draft Terms of Reference (ToR) document**
- 2. Proposal for restructuring the L'Avenir / TDC**
- 3. Proposed selection process**
- 4. Q&A**

**Part 1 - Planning Principles and draft  
Terms of Reference (ToR)**

planning  
principles





**detail development plan (DDP):**

Translate the development priorities guided by the ToR into time bound development program with implementation strategies / targets and plans

**terms of reference (ToR):** Purpose / challenges / scope for Auroville township

Detail guidelines for urban planning, regional co-development, environment, socioeconomic aspects, resource and waste management.

Process road map for consultation, outputs, evaluation, implementation regulations and success indicators.

**planning principles:** addressing the concerns of the community and future goals of Auroville

To be used as the guideline for the ToR and DDP

## Planning Principles - Environment

The land use, development plans, strategies and urban planning should :

1. Respond to the topographical and geo-physical features of the site
2. Integrate as far as possible the existing land-use and woodlands
3. Integrate the management of water, soil, food, waste and energy
4. Conserve and share natural resources within the bio-region
5. Innovate and adopt progressive strategies of planning and development

## Planning Principles - Urban Planning and Design

1. Land use and progressive development plans that would allow for 50,000 persons, as resident population within the town limits.
2. The type, size and quality of the open spaces within and without the city will be inter-related to the zone density, function, local geo-physical characteristics and environmental needs.
3. The mobility plan (traffic and transport) will be related to the land use plan. Road size, width, location and traffic regulation will be according to the function and size of population to be serviced.
4. The urban design controls of the buildings should adopt environmentally benign strategies for an ecologically responsive and energy efficient built environment.

## **Planning Principles -The Key Features of the Galaxy – identified by Roger Anger and approved by RA 2007**

1. The Search for beauty,
2. 50,000 Aurovilians resident population,
3. Four zones: Residential, Industrial, Cultural and International,
4. Matrimandir with its twelve gardens and the lake at the centre of the city,
5. The Crown and the city centre,
6. The Lines of Force that give the shape of the Galaxy,
7. About 50% of the city area is green,
8. Detailed city planning and development based on the master plan in a spirit of experimentation and innovation.



## Planning Principles - Socio-Economic

1. Development priority should be given to civic and public amenities and the development of zones that will help the city and its collective economy to become self-supportive
2. Education, innovation and research is an integral part of the life; planning and development should be evolving to be a supportive base
3. Policy development for public consultations, proposing changes and regulatory procedures to ensure transparency and accountability, eg:  
Role and function of the planners / decision makers
4. Urban development should be guided by the economic principle of development to meet the “needs” of the community to promote sustainability

## Planning Principles – Bio Region

1. The framework for regional planning needs to be developed in collaboration with the 5 local panchayats in the Av Master plan area along with the district authorities that is environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.
2. A shared policy for water waste, energy and mobility management.
3. Auroville should engage in co-development programs with the villages that are multi-generational and gender sensitive.
4. Initiate and undertake inter-village projects and activities; promoting social harmony and cooperative economic development.

## **Part 2- Proposal for restructuring the TDC-L'Avenir**

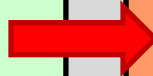
## Why the need to change the current structure of L'Avenir / TDC?

Executive and technical merged under one body



Time for community consultation process vs working on technical output

Some of the tasks are a duplication of existing working groups



Conflicts with inputs / outputs of the related areas in working groups & the HR pool has limited qualified persons

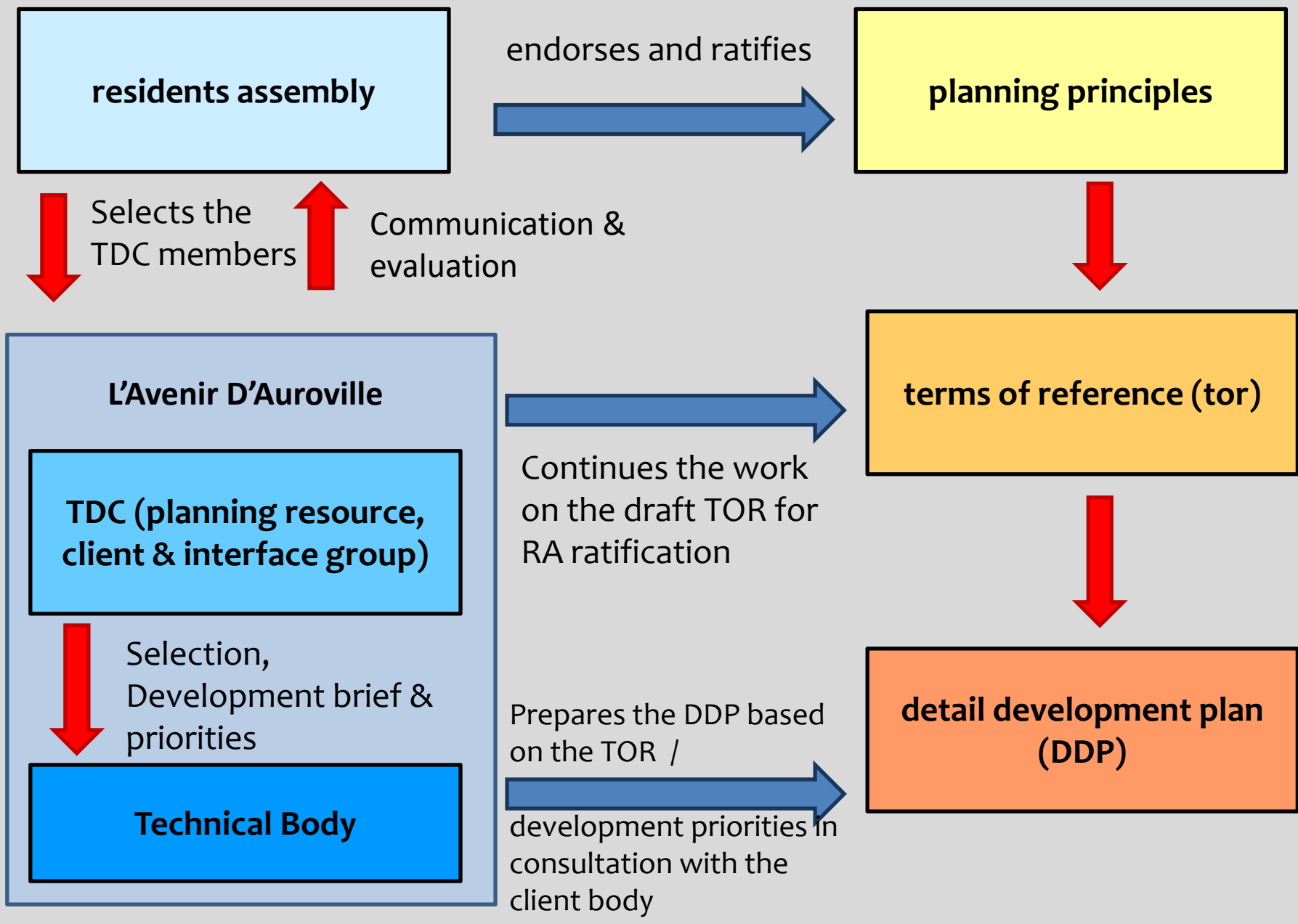
10 coordinators position for a holistic group composition



3 planners, 1 development coordinator and 1 administrator –disproportionate allocation of HR considering the work load in comparison to the tasks to be undertaken.

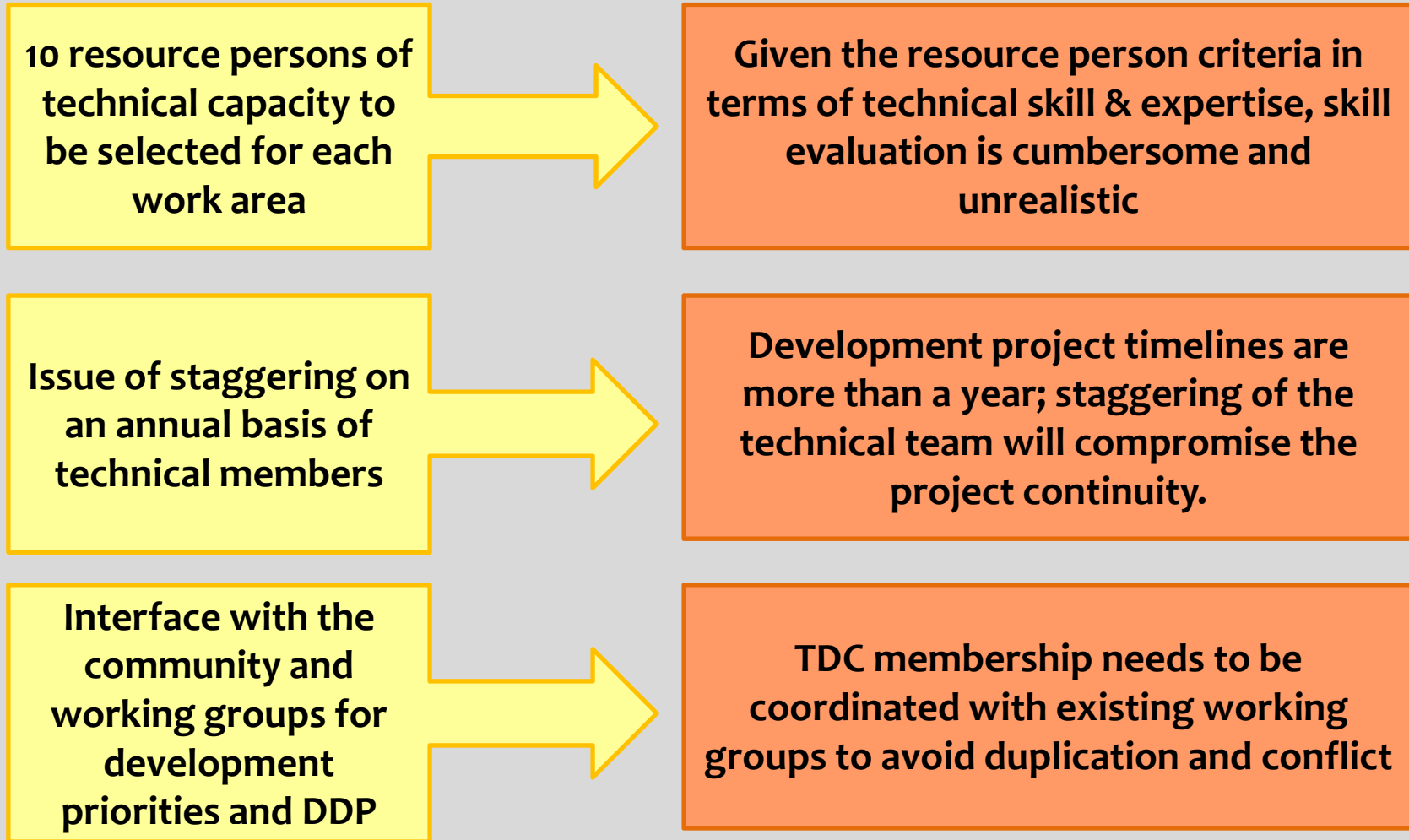
The separation of **client group and technical teams** is essential to ensure that the client group is composed of people with the capacity to represent the community and a vision of the long term goals while the technical team is populated with persons with capacity to deliver the expected task

### Proposed revised structure of L'Avenir / TDC



## **Part 3 - Proposed selection process**

**Why the participatory selection process 2014 needs to be amended for the selection of  
L'Avenir / TDC**



### **COMPOSITION OF MEMBERS**

1. 5 members to liaise with the working groups like WC / FAMC / GG / Saiier / land board; etc
2. 5 members from the community
3. 3 members with experiential background in planning / environment / socioeconomic

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Selected by WG for RA feedback
2. Selected by the 2014 PSP as ratified by RA
3. Invited by the 10 selected members and ratified by RA

**Town Development Council (planning resource body / client body / interface group)**

### **TASKS**

1. Undertake the completion of the draft ToR and get it ratified
2. Identify the development priorities including infrastructure needs in consultation with the community
3. Oversee the preparation of the DDP

### **ROLES / RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Consultation / communication / reporting to the community, GB and relevant authorities
2. Selection of the technical team
3. Coordinate the funding / fund allocation and out-sourcing of works



## Proposed selection process for the Technical Team

### Technical team

#### SELECTION PROCESS

1. Nominated by the TDC and endorsed by the RA

#### SKILLS SET REQUIRED

1. Administrative / management skills
2. Policy and strategic planning
3. Urban / GIS / environmental planners / architects
4. Technical –engineering & financial
5. legal and political skills to liaise with local / state orgs

#### TASKS

1. To prepare the DDP based on the inputs received from the TDC
2. To prepare and propose (to the TDC resource team) development proposals
3. To manage the office operations, administrative process, budgets, tenders, project monitoring. Hiring of technical, administrative and supportive staff for the regular work implementation
4. To liaise with the local authorities in coordination with the TDC & WC for matter related to land protection
5. To create sub-group, task force and appoint facilitators, resources people for the implementation of the above task after getting endorsement from the TDC as required.
6. To shortlist & help to appoint external consultants, as and when required, as per the scope of work approved the TDC

**The ratification of this  
proposal as a package  
by the RA**

**Agreement on the Planning  
Principles**

**Revised Structure**

**Amended Selection Process**

**Completion of the draft ToR by the  
“TDC” to be used for the DDP**

## **The City the Earth Needs**

As the “City the Earth Need”, Auroville must address the present and the future global challenges facing the planet: environmental, socio economic, urban and others.

Planning and development of Auroville: built forms, organisations, infrastructures and services must assume responsibility for all the outputs; tangible and non-tangible to enable the development of spiritually conscious society