

Subject: Outer London Fund

Report to: Regeneration Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 16 December 2013

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report proposes that the Committee discusses the Outer London Fund (OLF) with expert guests.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the summary of the Committee's site visit to Deptford, attached at Appendix 1.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee notes the report and the discussion with invited guests regarding the Outer London Fund.**

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 8 October, the Committee agreed to use its following two meeting slots to examine the Outer London Fund. It agreed to use its November meeting for a site visit to a town centre in receipt of the Fund, followed by a wider discussion at the December meeting about the Fund with a range of invited guests.
- 3.2 Further to the meeting on 8 October, the Chairman and Deputy Chair agreed to visit Deptford for the Committee's site visit on 14 November.
- 3.3 A report attached at Appendix 1 provides a summary of the issues raised during the Committee's visit to Deptford town centre on 14 November. This information will inform the Committee's discussion.

4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 The following guests have been invited to the Committee's meeting:

- Debbie Jackson, Assistant Director, Regeneration, GLA;
- Alex Hearn, Regeneration and Growth team, LB Brent;
- Mark Billington, Head of Economic Development and Research, LB Harrow;
- Neil McInroy, Chief Executive, Centre for Local Economic Strategies; and
- Will McKee, Chair, Outer London Commission.

4.2 The meeting will look to cover the following issues:

- The set-up of the OLF, including why it was introduced, the project selection process, timescales, and match funding;
- Round 1, including its aims and the extent to which these were met, key lessons and challenges;
- Round 2, including its aims and the extent to which these have been met, learning applied from Round 1, key challenges;
- Evaluation of the Fund, including the choice of criteria, boroughs' experiences, and how this will inform future projects;
- Longer term impact of the Fund, and the next steps for boroughs and the Mayor.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Summary of Site Visit

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None
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