

# **Full commission meeting**

Meeting: 4 December 2018 | City Hall, CR1, 16:00-21:00

### **Attendance**

LSDC	Secretariat and GLA
Present:  Ashok Sinha (AS, Chair) Syed Ahmed (SA) James Cameron (JC) David Elliott (DE) Nicky Gavron (NG) Julie Hirigoyen (JH) Nick Mabey (NM) Malini Mehra (MM) Prof Richard Templer (RT) Dr Paul Toyne (PT) Charlie Woods (CWo) Karen Lawrence (KL) Dimitri Zenghelis (DZ) Maria Adebowale-Schwarte (MA)  Apologies: Samantha Heath (SH) Cllr Claudia Webbe (CW)	<ul> <li>Alejandro Colsa (ACP)</li> <li>Nusrat Yousuf (NY)</li> <li>Abby Crisostomo (ABC)</li> <li>Heather Hodgins (HH)</li> </ul>

# Meeting notes and actions

# 1. Welcome, introduction from chair

AS welcomed commissioners and noted apologies. He ran through the agenda – pointing out there was much to cover, particularly at the effectiveness review exercise, and that he was hoping for inputs on various points.

# 2. Feedback from the last full commission meeting

AS sought confirmation of minutes from the previous LSDC meeting – these were passed.

# 3. Social Value of Regeneration: update and input session

MA presented the final proposal for the new Social Value of Regeneration (SVR) sub group. Proposal is attached. AS explained that the formal Terms of Reference for the new subgroup will be brought in to the LSDC meeting in March 2019. However, he encouraged subgroup commissioners to get started.

Feedback from commissioners was:

- PT: There's an opportunity to start looking at what best and worst practice looks like. It's also important to understand the London politics of regeneration (e.g. how things work at GLA level vs. other relevant stakeholders).
- AS asked for commissioners to confirm who was part of this subgroup
  - Current subgroup membership: MA (chair), DZ, JH, PT, and NG
- KL: the proposal mentions the need for funding from the GLA. What's the timing for this?
  - MA: A lot of the funding will be external. However, some LSDC funding is needed and desired. The political timetable for this is very important and we need to coordinate with GLA teams to provide a timeline for funding.
- SA: time horizon seems a bit long and perhaps we need a two-stage approach.
  - NY: as with other subgroups, there will be a clear timeline with key milestones.
- PT: More research is needed to ensure there are no other academic and research partners that can fast track the access to the relevant data.
  - MA: We are engaging with the key research centres in London working on this.

AS highlighted how the LSDC welcomes this area of work because it helps flesh out the sustainability approach of the commission. The commission is very pleased to expedite this workstream.

#### **Actions:**

- Subgroup to bring finalised ToR to next full commission meeting for final signoff
- Secretariat and MA to set out clear schedule of subgroup meetings for 2019
- MA and NY to take commissioner questions and feedback points to the sub group for further discussion

## 4. Key milestones of the year and effectiveness review

AS provided an introduction to the effectiveness review. He went through a presentation looking at what the commission set up to achieve this last year, what it has delivered and what's on the schedule for 2019 and onwards. NY then provided a summary of the key milestones the LSDC has accomplished this last year.

KL summarised the results of the survey and coordinated the review exercise where commissioners were invited to comment on the results of the review and ensure the lessons learnt are as useful as possible to make sure impact is the highest. Feedback from commissioners included:

- SA: The breath of the commission is the breath of what commissioners bring. Is there a central theme that connects everything? How is everything brought together? It'd be good to get an external perspective.
- NM and MM: the commission needs to reflect better on who really is our main targeted audience and assess whether we are being successful.
  - NG: Assembly plenary is scheduled to scrutinise LSDC in 2019 could be an opportunity.
- NG: These last two years have been about policy development. The future will be more about interventions, policy action, and a focus on results.

- JH: Developing a theory of change would be a very valuable exercise as it's often not clear for the LSDC. We need clarity on how we can achieve impact through the advice that we give in order to help us target action.
- RT: Agree with JH. We need an architecture so that new people coming on board understand what this organisation is about. We have no clear vision of what we want for London.
- DZ: It's important that what we do doesn't feel like isolated areas that are out of touch with the daily business of running London.
- JC: We also need to be careful with people's times. Perhaps doing fewer things but better might be a good approach for the future.
- JL: Advising is only one of the five working areas our Terms of Reference highlight. We should
  not only focus on the challenges that providing advice bring. Other areas could yield higher
  impact.
- Commissioners discussed at length the modalities of providing effective strategic advice directly to a busy Mayor over coming twelve months.
- KL asked about the need to catalyse action by LSDC and highlight the value we bring:
  - JC: cleantech and London Plan will be key.
  - MM: Air quality agenda is essential. Where we are aware that good work is being done we need to make it more prominent.
  - KL: Our additionality could be to amplify what others do well.
  - DZ: We can bring a reality check, a sustainability perspective.
  - PT: Opportunity to put together white papers that advocates on integration, connectivity. Papers to present a better future for London, and what that means for politicians and their constituents.
- Commissioners then discussed what they were proposing to do (and lead on), and what are our key moments (list summarised in Appendix 1)

#### **Actions:**

- KL, AS and Secretariat synthesise commissioners feedback generated at the meeting to then be appended to the survey results to close the report. These will be presented to the Exec, which will then decide on any next steps.
- Sec to find out when plenary with Assembly is planned for.

# 5. SDGs and Young Londoners: update

PT presented the work to date of the SDGs sub group on young Londoners. *Slides are attached*. Feedback from commissioners was:

- The One Young World Summit will be coming back to London in 2019, the city where it all began back in 2009. This Tenth Anniversary Summit will be the largest ever staged, with 1,500 young leaders from every country in the world coming together in Westminster between October 22nd and 25th, 2019. This is a key opportunity for this workstream to amplify its results.
- DZ: This workstream has all the key ingredients to become a key piece of the LSDC for 2019.
- MM and others: It's important to make the connection between the business world and young people. Opportunity to perhaps have a post publication event (e.g. internship/job fair) to address the employment agenda.

- SA: There are initiatives sponsored by Bank of America engaging with youth in Hackney and Lambeth.

#### **Actions:**

- PT and Secretariat to investigate One Young World Summit and potential LSDC involvement
- Subgroup to bring proposed items to discussion to next quarterly meeting.
- All commissioners interested in participating of this workstream to attend January meeting.

# 6. London Plan EiP process: update

Timeline and next steps were provided as part of the meeting papers. Immediate next step is for lead commissioners to prepare their inputs to the EiP.

#### Action:

- Sec to organise meetings to prepare EiP with commissioners
- Sec to look at list of respondents to see who has similar reflections to ours as potential coalition partners

# 7. Other group updates

Subgroup updates following the new format were sent to all commissioners ahead of the meeting. At the meeting, AS asked commissioners if they had any question/item to be raised regarding any specific subgroup workstream. No questions were raised, and commissioners welcomed progress to date and look forward to the delivery of key outputs in 2019.

# 8. AOB and dates of 2019 meetings

AS and commissioners wanted to take the opportunity to thank Haley Bowcock for all the work she's accomplished and wish her the best in her new role within the GLA Air Quality team.

There being no further AOBs, the meeting was closed with a reminder that the next meeting was **7 March 2019.** 

# Full LSDC Commission meetings for 2019

- 7<sup>th</sup> March 15:30 19:00 at Committee Room 2
- 4<sup>th</sup> June 14:00 17:30 at Committee Room 1
- 25<sup>th</sup> September 10:00 13:30 at Committee Room 3
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10:00 13:30 at Committee Room 1

# Appendix 1 - Effectiveness review exercise

## What are we going to do (lead)?

- A bold response to the London Plan EiP (James)
  - Talk to Mayor's office now
  - Press release
  - Focus on implementation/interpretation (including a post-Brexit review)
- Develop a platform to engage with a wider audience (e.g. young Londoners) (Malini)
- Re-think milestones on SDGs in relation to scrutiny opportunity (Paul/Malini)
- Borough league table on air quality, including young Londoners (Paul/Malini)
- London Climate Action Week: young Londoners and bring together the mainstream economics work we are doing already links and amplification (Ashok Dimitri/Paul)
- A bold output from the Green Finance work (Syed/Nick)
- Vision/architecture what does climate leadership at all levels look like in London (Richard/David/Julie) - leadership (collaboration) summit in LCAW
  - We need a group to define that architecture vision (Exec?)
- Letter to the Mayor and 'call in' the offer to meet (Ashok)
- Develop a 6-month plan to capitalise on what we are currently doing ahead of LCAW (Ashok)

## What are our key moments?

- London Climate Action Week
- Assembly Plenary / Scrutiny
- London National Park City
- SDGs publications
- Green finance publication
- London Plan
- Air Pollution/Quality: WHO report children (could amplify work of others)