

LONDON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Full Commission meeting
Friday 9th March 2007, City Hall

Minutes

Present: Shaun McCarthy (Chaired), Robin Stott, Penny Bramwell, Craig Cordice, Paul De Zylva, Sue Riddlestone, Samantha Heath, Mike Tuffrey, Dinah Cox, Richard Stephenson, Shirley Rodrigues, Frances Mapstone, Niall Machin, Emma Synnott, Bryony Mathie.

1. Apologies.

Received from: June Barnes, Peter Head, Ranjit Baxi, Andrew Judge and Tony Medawar.

Announcements:

Shaun McCarthy to chair the meeting in place of June Barnes.
Resignation of Nigel Bell due to ill-health.

Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest

2. Away day and Mayor's Advisory Group feedback

NM updated the Commission on the outcomes of the Mayor's Advisory Group meeting.

i) Training. LDA and TfL both beginning to develop SD training for senior management. LSDC has 'shaping' role in any high level GLA Group training, rather than as training deliverers.

Agreed to take forward via GLA Group sub group, identifying what may be required and clarifying precise role of LSDC.

Action GLA Group sub group

ii) GLA Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP). Welcomed this ground-breaking document.

Points noted:

- What can London do to influence national government, given we are only part of the picture – Mayor outstripping central government on this agenda
- Need to address social aspects including health (climate change as barrier to health)
- Address any disparities between CCAP and London Plan targets
- Aviation issue – how does London's economy operate with different levels of aviation
- Clarify LSDC role – challenge/implementation watchdog remit, looking at delivery through boroughs, London Plan, revised Energy Strategy etc

Agreed to clarify timelines for feeding in LSDC views with GLA Head of Env't and intend to input via GLA Group Sub Group.

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iii) Transport. RS reported that the away day feedback had been inputted into the TfL group revising the Strategy.

3. Challenge London

BM reported progress on the Challenge London project. All Commissioners were invited to join the Executive sub-group workshop on 19th March to discuss the key messages and calls to action emerging from the Golder report and which will be used for the programme launch.

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Agreed to identify 10 London Leaders to form the core of the Challenge London network. A number of points were raised:

- Need to identify and approach the 10 Leaders for the launch as soon as possible.

- Need to crystallise what the expectations of the Leaders are, and what they will be part of. What do we want their contribution to be? What networks are they part of and what is their workload like?
- Agreement that the term 'leader' is used in broadest sense and includes more than just elected leaders. Want to engage Champions from all sectors.
- What benefits will the Leaders have as a result of their participation and what LSDC support is there on offer?

Some early suggestions for the London Leaders included:

- Academic Vice Chancellor
- Financial Services Authority representative
- Someone involved in Olympics SD.

Action: Secretariat to scope out London Leaders approach and to ask Commissioners for recommendations for the 10 London Leaders and for other launch invitees.

SH referred to LSx's Urban Buzz bid. Urban Buzz looks at tackling barriers to delivering sustainable communities. Potential correlations and links with Challenge London programme and future pilots.

Action: Secretariat discuss with LSx.

SR highlighted BioRegional Quintain's successful bid to develop Gallions Park in relation to Challenge London and mentioned that they are keen to undertake even larger developments and that there are opportunities for tying the zero carbon agenda to sustainable development.

4. Commission recruitment and other BVR issues.

Noted the following:

- Be as clear as possible about roles expected of commissioners
- LSDC Terms of Reference had been revised following the BVR to clarify commissioner roles – re-circulate to commissioners **Action Secretariat**
- Apply equalities and diversity principles
- SM noted that recent CSL recruitment expertise would be useful

Agreed to go out with an advert for new commissioners in Spring. **Action Secretariat**

5. Review of Powers (RoP) presentation

NM gave a presentation on the RoP, including the implications of new and revised strategies that are being developed over the next 12 months. This will mean significant consultation pressure on stakeholders, including LSDC. Points noted:

- Potential to look at all strategies in the round to see if they are moving us towards a sustainable future;
- Earlier LSDC is engaged the better;
- Good to co-ordinate with the Assembly who are required to consider all draft strategies before they go to public consultation;

FM reported that following the Chairs of the LSDC, London Health Commission and London Child poverty Commission meeting recently, the secretariats from each would be meeting to identify key issues across all 3 agendas as a guide for feeding into new strategy development.

Secretariat agreed to produce a note for the next meeting about how LSDC should engage, looking at involvement in:

- SA process, including Scoping Reports,
- Initial discussions prior to Strategy drafting – e.g. brainstorming, workshops etc.

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6. Defra Innovation Fund.

Paper for information. Secretariat would circulate timetable for this work.

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7. LSDC Business Plan

ES updated the meeting on options for developing the LSDC Business Plan as a five year plan. The two options discussed were to focus the plan around Challenge London, or around 3-4 high level priorities (similar to the London Health Commission).

There were views supporting both approaches proposed, and there was general consensus that a combination of the two options should be adopted. Suggestions included:

- high level priorities to be structured around the 4 Rs;
- Structure priorities under two high level commitments – to combat climate change and to reduce disparity between the rich and the poor;

It was suggested that the Secretariat draft the next version of the plan for consideration by the Commission, and that a further workshop was not required to finalise the plan.

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8. Sub group updates

(See paper for details)

(i) CSL – SM reported on recent activity regarding budget, recruitment and starting assurance work.

(ii) Promotions – PDZ reported on discussions about developing the LSDC website and LAA work.

(iii) Planning and Development – ES reported about April launch of BRE checklist.

(iv) GLA Group NM reported on revised GLA SD definition and consideration of housing and transport strategies.

9. Minutes of last meeting held on 12 December 2006

No matters arising.

10. AOB

A card was circulated to be sent to Nigel Bell with the LSDC's best wishes.

11. Date of next meeting. 15th June 10 a.m Committee Room 3