

## LONDON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

### Full Commission Meeting

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 10-2pm

City Hall, Committee Room 4

### Minutes

**Present:** *John Plowman (chair), Adrian Gurney, Chris Church, Shaun McCarthy, Karen Lawrence, Paul Toyne, Piers Williamson, Richard Stephenson, Samantha Heath, Sue Riddlestone, Andrew MacAskill, Alison Barnes, Rajwant Sidhu, Paul Edwards, Howard Davidson, Andy Wales*

**Secretariat:** *Patrick Feehily, Nusrat Yousuf, Rhiannon Lewis*

**Apologies:** *Paul de Zylva*

### Past

#### 1. Away day, new ways of working and workplan

- Feedback from away day showed Commissioners largely wanted meetings to be more practical, focussed and results-orientated
- Full Commission meetings will now take place in three parts:
  - Past – Updates of work that has been done
  - Present – Updates/discussion on work underway
  - Future – ‘hot topics’ on the horizon
- Commissioners will be encouraged to get involved in pieces of work that interest them, even if they fall outside their sub group – good to share experiences
- Full Commission meetings will no longer explicitly deal with process and ways of working. This will pass to the Executive, where key decision making will take place
- Resourcing will also be considered at the Executive
- Executive to feed back major decisions to Full Commission
- Commissioners will be requested to suggest ‘hot topics for discussion at sub groups to encourage thought leadership. Chair will then decide, via Executive, whether the issue will be taken further by the LSDC as a whole
- Must ensure all funded work items have traction with the Mayor’s Office
- Important issues must feed into the Communications Sub Group
- Mustn’t be afraid to assess and change again if this does not work – Commissioners to feedback to Secretariat

**Action:** Secretariat to circulate up to date version of workplan

Action: Secretariat to investigate Basecamp and Huddle for document sharing, to allow shared workplan to be stored

Action: Secretariat to circulate indicative timetable of GLA strategy consultations

## 2. Draft LSDC timeline

- RL showed Commissioners the online timeline, to replace annual reporting
- Commissioners agreed this would be a useful tool
- Commissioners will review and make suggestions for additions
- Secretariat will ensure timeline is kept updated in real time

Action: Timeline to go live, and link to be circulated

## Present

## 3. Access to nature research

- Presentation by Tim Gill, independent consultant, was well received (see attached)
- Need to draw out what planning implications the research presents
- Suggest taking a whole society approach and making links to older groups and presenting the evidence to back up claims
- Need to be able to sell values and metrics
- Will be important to draw out the most salient points to promote within the GLA

Action: Final report to be considered by Communications Sub Group to discuss promotional opportunities

Action Next meeting to discuss report draft schedule for 1/4/11. Any Commissioners wishing to attend should alert the Secretariat

## 4. Carbon monitoring event

- Event expected to take place in June, in partnership with NPL
- Planning is underway, details nearly finalised
- Aims are to: Facilitate knowledge transfer between academics and industry; consider how the monitoring and measurement field can best support the green economy; reflect on applications by the fastest growing sectors, and how these may be influenced

## 5. Team London update

- KL circulated a note regarding the recent launch of Team London
- Team London is a GLA volunteering programme, with funding opportunities attached

Action: London Leaders subgroup to consider synergies and identify possible next steps

Action: Secretariat to alert Leaders where linkages and funding opportunities may lie

## Future

### 6. Localism bill

- Presentation by Fiona Mannion, TCPA, was well received (see attached)
- LSDC best placed to feed in to consultation in the summer
- Need to take care to consider the GLA position

Action: PF to check GLA position re National Planning Framework

Action: Secretariat to produce guidance outlining next steps, and to convene working group to take forward

Action: SH, SR and CC to draft note highlighting opportunities for London Leaders

### 7. Rio +20

- CC tabled a proposal to hold an event to mark Rio +20, in the lead up to the Olympics (see attached)
- Need to be clear on outcomes – to promote or to influence
- May be better to link with existing event as may be difficult to get permissions for large event in run up to Olympics

Action: PT to introduce CC to BaseLondon contacts

Action: SR to introduce CC to Guardian

Action: CC to produce options paper and set up separate group to take forward

Action: Secretariat: Need conversation with environment team and GLA around possible links to the Green Economy focus of Rio+20

### 8. AOB and Lunch

- New London Leaders have been recruited, and the 2011 programme will launch on 23/03/11

Action: RL to circulate contact details and Commissioner/Leader pairings. Clearer idea of Leader's needs will be apparent after Leaders have started and their project plans have been assessed

**Date of next meeting:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010