

LONDON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

GLA Full Commission meeting

Friday 11th September 2009 10-1pm

CR 3 - CITY HALL

Minutes

Present: John Plowman, Robin Stott, Sue Riddlestone, Shaun McCarthy, Adrian Gurney, Richard Stephenson, Howard Davidson, Robert Runcie, Penny Bramwell, Mike Tuffrey, Helen Davis, Patrick Feehily, Jonathan Gaventa, Nusrat Yousuf, Bryony Mathie, Joanna Romanowicz, Isabel Deding (part)

Apologies: Chris Church, Paul de Zylva, Samantha Heath, Peter Head, Pamela Gardner

1. Introductions/Note of last meeting

Intro to meeting by John Plowman

No comments on minutes of meeting from 19th June 2009.

2. Presentation of GLA Environment Programme, 'Leading to a Greener London' – presentation by Isabel Deding

Leading to a Greener London

Isabel Deding, Mayor's Environment Advisor, presented the main initiatives covered by GLA Environment Programme strategy.

Issues raised in the discussion that followed included:

- Waste: discussion on the waste hierarchy and the need to focus less on just recycling and more on minimisation instead (RS),
- Encouraging street markets (PB), particularly because a third of London's waste is from food;
- Importance of being able to draw out numerous benefits from one initiative and spreading that awareness, e.g. green roofs;
- Working together and aligning London Leaders to other programmes and strategies of the GLA, and making greater use of the growing group of leaders (not just in their year of term)
- Making more of the synergies between environment and economic sector, especially employment (RS).

Action: PF, ID and BM to meet to discuss individual London Leaders and further alignment of London Leaders' projects with other GLA strategies and programmes.

3. LSDC membership and recruitment

JP gave an overview of the paper and brought to attention the skills gap that exists within the Commission (particularly from business and economic background), and the

timetable for the planned Commissioner recruitment. 4 Commissioners are stepping down this month.

Commissioners were asked for nominations. Further suggestions given by SR – Emma Boyd (Ethical Finance), Paul Edwards (LSx Board), Sir Peter Hall (one of directors from Crest Nicholson).

Issues raised in the discussion included the importance of the giving a clear message of the Commissioner's role when recruiting and the relationship between the LSDC and the Mayor. The Commission agreed that the advert should indicate some of the areas of expertise that the LSDC is looking for. It was agreed that the recruitment process should aim to bring the total number of Commissioners to 20-23, in order to manage effectively the work of the sub-groups.

Action: To invite a member of the London Health Commission to a future LSDC meeting to provide an overview of their priorities, as part of closing working between Mayoral Commissions.

JP took the opportunity to thank Robert Runcie and Robin Stott for their contribution to the LSDC, and also to Pamela Gardner and Peter Head who were not present at the meeting, but will also be stepping down as Commissioners.

Action: The Secretariat will be organising an LSDC social in the autumn.

4. LSDC Forward Approach and Delivery Plan

JP provided an overview of the work done to date on the LSDC Delivery plan and introduced the targets developed to date (Figure 1 under Item 4 Annex 1). It was noted that even if by 2020 these targets were achieved, we would still be on a 2-planet living.

Issues raised in discussion centred on targets and their delivery: defining a clear role for LSDC who do not own the delivery of the targets (RS), a need for engagement with teams responsible for delivery, possibility of having Commissioners assigned to and responsible for tracking delivering of particular targets depending on their sectors/areas of expertise (HD). Desire for a target to reflect broad equality/cohesion issues, not just income inequality.

Action: Secretariat will circulate next version of the draft delivery plan for comment. This will invite Commissioner allocation and provide a timetable for delivery.

Further discussion focused on London's role in Copenhagen and signposting it's current achievements and strategies (Boris is to meet Mayor of Copenhagen on 15th of December).

Action: Write a letter to the Mayor outlining the latest initiatives of the LSDC in advance of his Mayoral meeting at Copenhagen on the 15 December. Opportunity to provide an annex to this letter outlining the findings of the SCP report (SR to provide).

5. Sub and working group updates

London Leaders

BM summarised development of the programme and alerted to the opening of recruitment for new leaders. Request for any nominations. JP pointed out that there is ongoing issue with limited funding for the programme.

Action: Discuss issues of resource demand in next 6 months –1 year.

Promotions

BM noted that group has not met up in recent months, however the sub-group will be re-forming to progress the development of an overarching promotions framework for the Commission.

Planning and Development Sub-group

JP notified the Commission that Adrian Gurney has agreed to Chair this sub-group following Peter Head's resignation.

QOL Report

NY gave overview of progress and reminded the Commission about the launch event on 8th of October.

Sustainable Consumption and Production and Income Inequalities

JG gave a summary of progress on the SCP report. A forward plan for the Income Inequalities report will be prepared following the workshop to be held later in the day.

6. Sustainable Economic Development

NY outlined the work and timetable and requested members for the new steering group.

ML suggested that for future LSDC research the opportunity exists to secure a university postgraduate intern to carry out a literature review, or similar, to support the approach.

Action: Secretariat to arrange first meeting of the sustainable economic development steering group.

7. AOB

JP thanked JG who is leaving at the end of the month for all the work that he has done to support the Commission.

ML suggested that a date should be blocked out for every month next year for potential LSDC meetings.

Action: Secretariat to arrange for 2010.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 18th of December 2009.