

London Sustainable Development Commission

Second meeting held on 12th September 2002 at 10.00 am at the GLA

Present:

Ian Coull	Sainsburys plc Co-Chair
Pamela Castle	UKELA Co-Chair
Shirley Ali Khan	Independent Consultant
Victor Anderson	Mayor's Environmental Adviser
June Barnes	East Thames Housing Group
Peter Brittain	Government Office for London
Dinah Cox	London Voluntary Services Council
Paul De Zylva	Friends of the Earth
David Fell	London First Sustainability Unit
Luna Frank Riley	London Development Agency
Samantha Heath	GLA, Assembly Member
Reverend Dick Johnson	Industrial Chaplain
Cllr Gavin Moore	ALG
David Quarmby	Transport for London
Penny Shepherd	London Sustainability Exchange
Robin Stott	Physician
Craig Woodhouse	Observer, Environment Agency
Nicky Gavron	Deputy Mayor of GLA – for item 9

In attendance:

Jane Anson	GLA Administrative support
Matthew Chell	GLA Policy Support Unit
Aleyne Friesner	GLA Head of Policy Support
David Goode	GLA Head of Environment
Niall Machin	GLA Policy Support Unit (Secretariat lead)

Apologies:

Nigel Bell	Imperial College, Centre for Environmental Technology
Sue Riddlestone	BioRegional
Peter Head	FaberMaunsell
Tom Burke	English Nature
Chris Birks	Environment Agency

1. Welcome from the Chair

Ian Coull welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked new members of the Commission, Dick Johnson, and Gavin Moore, to introduce themselves. Robin Stott also introduced himself, having missed the first meeting.

The Chair invited Craig Woodhouse to remain at the meeting but sought a decision from the Commission about the line to be taken on substitutes in future. It was **agreed** that substitutes would not usually be allowed to attend meetings of the Commission.

2. Apologies for absence (see above)

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Matters arising

Penny Shepherd had taken up the Mayor's offer for Commissioners to attend the European cities conference organised by the GLA.

Secretariat support

Aleyne reported that a budget of £49,000 was available to support the Commission's activities if further funding was required it might be raised from organisations or through partnership opportunities. Niall Machin plus one other person would be providing technical support to the Commission as part of their duties and Jane Anson administrative support.

It was **agreed** that £49,000 should be enough to support the Commission's work for this remaining half year but that the Mayor should be asked to increase the budget to £75,000 for the Commission's annual work programme next year. **Action AF**

4. Terms of Reference

Discussion of the revised Terms of Reference raised the following points:

- Whether to adopt the UK government terminology or devise the Commission's own definition .
- To explain what is meant by sustainability through education, publicity and open debate.

It was **agreed** that the Framework sub group would finalise the revised Terms of Reference for the next meeting of the Commission. **Action: NM**

5. Membership

In terms of new members, the joint Chairs had so far agreed Reverend Dick Johnson (Faiths) and Eddie McDermott (Trade Unions).

It was **agreed** that a representative of the Financial Sector should ideally be from the City with a broad knowledge of London's economy but also have a socially responsible investment interest.

It was **agreed** that a representative of the Energy sector should be a known and active member of this sector. It was **agreed** that joint Chairs make their decisions from suggestions provided. The Mayor would make formal appointments in agreement with the Chairs. **Action Chairs and NM**

6. Report back from Sub Groups

All reports were well received with comments and suggestions. It was **agreed** that all Commissioners be kept informed of the work of subgroups by email between meetings. The Commission will be releasing press releases – the secretariat were asked to look into the process and to the creation of an appropriate letterhead. **Action NM**

Framework

The sub group was thanked for its work.

It was **agreed** that the general tone of the Framework was about right but several additional suggestions were made. It was **agreed** that the Framework sub group would finalise the draft Framework in light of comments made and look at indicators at its next meeting. **Action IC and NM**

London Plan

June Barnes explained the sub group's intention to respond to the London Plan in the form of a broad overview covering a number of issues that need to articulate sustainability. David Quarmby was asked to provide input on the section dealing with Transport in particular the potential impact on the current transport infrastructure.

It was **agreed** to:

- (i) Include the draft Framework with the response
- (ii) to pass the draft report directly to the joint Chairs for signing off in time for the 30th September deadline and circulate copies for information to Commissioners.
- (iii) Offer assistance to the Mayor to further develop sustainability aspects of the Plan.
- (iv) To seek a meeting with the Mayor's Office to present the Commission's views

Action: JB and NM

Energy

Samantha Heath reported on the sub group's work to recommend draft CO₂ targets for inclusion in the GLA's Energy Strategy based on its decision to at least adopt the national target of 20% CO₂ reductions by 2010. To inform this work she sought agreement from the Commission to join the GLA in commissioning the development of a CO₂ model.

It was **agreed** that the Commission would contribute £8000 match funding for this project.

Action SH and MC

It was noted that the Sub Group will be holding a workshop for stakeholders on the 21st October to consult them about proposed targets for CO₂ emissions. It was **agreed** that the Commission would find the catering cost of about £410 for this event.

Action SH and MC

7. Work programme

Discussion highlighted the need for the Commission to be active in social issues alongside its environmental work. It was suggested that the Commission include a more people-focused issue in its work programme - fuel poverty was put forward as a possibility. Penny agreed to forward LSx's work on fuel poverty. It was **agreed** that the Commission should choose three high profile issues to focus on. **Action PS**

It was **agreed** to ask the Framework sub group to consider three major projects and report back.

Action IC

8. Any other business

Commissioners were asked if they wished to hear representatives from outside organisations who write in speculatively and offer to present their work or views to the Commission.

It was **agreed** that the Commission would not hear from such groups (although they may wish to invite presentations where these are relevant to current work of the Commission).

9. World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg August 2002

Nicky Gavron, Deputy Mayor of the GLA reported on her recent visit to the Johannesburg World Summit and **agreed** to circulate the memo she had produced for the UK Sustainable Development Commission on her visit.

Action NG

Nicky expressed her support for partnership arrangements between the Commission and the GLA.

10. Dates for future meetings

Next meeting 10am-2pm 10th December **at the offices of London First**, 1 Hobhouse Court, Suffolk St., London SW1Y 4HH

Dates of future meeting to be discussed on 10th December.