

LONDON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

DRAFT NOTES OF THE 15 FEBRUARY 2005 MEETING

Present:

Samantha Heath	Mayor's Representative, Co-chair
Pamela Castle	Environmental Law Foundation, Co-chair
Chris Birks	Environment Agency
Cllr Andrew Judge	Association of London Government
David Fell	Brook Lyndhurst
Dinah Cox	Race on the Agenda
Joanne Wade	Impetus Consulting
Mike Tuffrey	London Assembly
Paul De Zylva	Friends of the Earth
Penny Shepherd	London Sustainability Exchange
Peter Head	Arup
Robin Stott	Physician
Ros Dunn	London Development Agency
Simon Woolley	Operation Black Vote
Sue Riddlestone	BioRegional

Observer:

Penny Bramwell	Government Office for London
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Secretariat:

Aleyne Friesner	GLA Head of Policy Support
Paula Hirst	GLA Policy Support Unit
Matthew Chell	GLA Policy Support Unit
Jane Anson	GLA Administrative support

Apologies: Nigel Bell, June Barnes, Barry Broe, Tom Burke

1. Welcome and introductions

Samantha welcomed new Commissioners to the meeting.

2. Declarations of interest

Sue Riddlestone declared a possible conflict due to BioRegional's work with London2012 on One Planet Olympics. This was noted.

Joanne Wade declared a possible conflict due to her firm having carried out the London Renewables Toolkit work, and may have potential future interest in similar work on Sustainable Design and Construction. Joanne left the room for discussions on this item.

4. Terms of Reference

The new TOR were approved subject to amendments include to inclusion of 'London boroughs' in the second bullet point listed under Terms of Reference. Final paragraph of point 3 should read London Assembly. Noted that this was not a definitive list.

Membership of the Commission. It was noted that the Commission's wish for a GOL representative to be a full member of the Commission would be submitted to the Mayor with the proposals for other new Commissioners.

Action: Secretariat to amend ToR as above and circulate to Commissioners.

5. Progress Report

Bioregional – 'One Planet Olympics' leaflet. Sue agreed to circulate copies of the leaflet at the next meeting.

Action: Sue Riddlestone to bring copies to the next meeting.

Economic Development

Copies of the Economic Development Strategy are available for circulation.

Transport

Commission reported that at the first meeting of the Transport Subgroup, TfL were receptive and indicated that they were happy to work with the Commission.

SPG

Peter Head mentioned the Government working group on a code for sustainable buildings. His view was that London is ahead in this area compared to other regions and that this creates opportunities for the Commission to potentially provide a supportive role.

Noted that the LSDC is pleased that there would be a foreword in the SPG consultation draft.

6. Proposed Future Work Programme

Recommendations:

2.1 and 2.2 Role of the Commission

The Commission agreed that its role was a combination of the two options presented in the paper. Its capacity to handle the level of work would be kept under review through active management of its work programme. Suggest working in partnership to bump up the Commission's resources, but taking care not to deflect from the Commission's independent role.

Monitoring use of the Framework would be important and the Commission should be mindful of potential opportunities to work with other partners.

Some Commissioners expressed a view that the Commission could play a more active campaigning role. The Commission agreed that their role should be proactive and responsive one.

2.2. Agreed recommendation 2.2 (confirm that the main focus for its work over the next two years will be: the promotion of sustainable development in London through using the Commission's Framework; and work with the GLA Group)

2.3. Agreed that the Framework sub group is disbanded, and that future progress on promoting sustainable development in London is reported to the full Commission; but this decision is revisited at this time next year.

2.4. Agreed recommendation that it wished to continue be involved in the Olympics, both in the interim period to the IOC decision in July, and beyond; noting the commitment already given to providing an independent monitoring role should the bid be successful, and the heavy resource implications of involvement in Olympics work for the foreseeable future.

2.5. Agreed that the Olympics subgroup would continue and that Pamela Castle continues as Chair of the Olympics sub group. The current membership would continue, although new Commission members are welcome to join.

Action: Subgroup members to continue current work. Secretariat to discuss taking this forward with Pamela, and to arrange subgroup meeting.

2.6. Agreed recommendation 2.6 to continue with the Transport subgroup. Peter Head to Chair. Members to include: Joanne, Penny B, Robin, Samantha and Andrew. Issues that the Transport subgroup consider include congestion charging and specific infrastructure projects for example, trams and the Thames Gateway bridge.

Energy and its relationship to transport was raised. The Commission agreed that energy should be considered in all LSDC subgroup discussions.

Action: Secretariat to discuss taking this forward with Peter.

2.7. Commission has developed a strong working relationship with the LDA through EDS and Olympic discussions. The Commission agreed to establish a LDA working group to consider how it should relate to the LDA. The Olympic subgroup should relate very closely to this group due to its work with the LDA. Those interested in participating in

the working group included David (Chair), Peter, Chris, Paul, Pamela, Dinah, Joanne, Penny S, Penny B and Ros Dunn.

The Commission discussed the relative merits of meeting the LDA Board to discuss the Framework and mainstreaming sustainable development. This will form part of the ideas the working group should discuss.

Noted that Chris and Samantha sit on the LDA Health and Sustainability Advisory Group which looks at health and equalities.

Action: New LDA subgroup to meet (Secretariat to arrange). Subgroup to discuss the points above and bring proposals to next Commission meeting.

2.8. Agreed to comment on SPGs as indicated overleaf.

Action: Secretariat to notify Commissioners named in table when SPG is ready for comment.

Supplementary Planning Guidance Title	Consultation draft	Final Document	Agreed Commissioner Leads at 120704 Commission Meeting
Accessible London: achieving an inclusive environment	July 03	April 04	
Industrial Capacity	Sep 03	Feb 05	
Affordable Housing	July 04	Spring 05	June Barnes
Housing Provision	Dec 04	Spring 05	June Barnes
Sustainable Design and Construction	Feb 05	Autumn 05	Peter Head
View Management Framework	Spring 05	Winter 05	
Land for Transport Functions	Spring 05	Winter 05	
Meeting the Needs of London's Diverse Communities	Spring 05	Late 05	Simon Woolley
Urban Design Principles	Summer 05	Late 05	June Barnes
Retail Needs Assessments	Summer 05	Late 05	
Renewable Energy	Summer 05	Early 06	Samantha Heath, Chris Birks

2.9. SPG Sustainable Design and Construction – commented that there was no joined up thinking in respect of good guidance and support. Agreed to set up an SDC subgroup – June, Penny S, Penny B, Samantha, Andrew and Sue. Opportunity to work with other regions.

General agreement with points 4.1 and 4.2 in the paper (4.1 That further sector specific guidance, training and capacity building to accompany the SPG is needed. 4.2. That the LSDC enter into a discussion with the GLA regarding expanding the SPG to be broader in its guidance), and that the discussion should be taken forward through the newly established SDC subgroup.

There was some discussion as to whether it was the LSDC's role to lead work in the manner proposed, and it was agreed that the Sub group would look at developing a detailed plan to put to the Mayor and approach other organisations for funding and to work in partnership.

Action: Subgroup to draw up proposals as above

2.10, 2.11, 2.12, deferred – to be discussed at next meeting. Commission requested a presentation from the GLA on current GLA work on sustainable development at the next meeting, to enable them to make an informed decision about these recommendations.

Action: Secretariat to discuss producing presentation with GLA colleagues.

2.13. Agreed to produce an annual report

Action: Secretariat to progress in consultation with Co-Chairs.

2.14. Agreed to host an annual event in London Sustainability Weeks.

Action: Secretariat to progress in consultation with Co-Chairs.

2.15. Deferred to next meeting.

2.16. Education – to meet on the 23 February and report back to next Commission meeting.

Action: Subgroup members to meet and discuss and report back to next Commission meeting.

2.17. Innovation

To consider radical ideas and how effective they would be. Ideas should cover social, economic and environmental aspects of sustainable development. Propose that the Innovation group is a 'loose' group, open to all for creative suggestions, long-term thinking and wider scenarios. Agreed that there should be an innovation discussion during the first hour of Commission meetings. All Commissioners invited, but free not to attend. Innovation subgroup to meet again before the next meeting of the full Commission to work out how these discussions should be managed.

Action: Secretariat to arrange meeting, Subgroup members to discuss and give Co-Chairs proposals in advance of the next Commission meeting.

2.18 Agreed to support London Sustainability Weeks through endorsing and promoting the Weeks as individual Commissioners and PR work. This could include speaking at the others' events during the Weeks. It was discussed whether there should be a LSDC presence at the Environmental Fair on 5 June. The Commission agreed that it was important to identify messages for individual members of the public first, and that they did not have the resources for a stand. Noted that Samantha is involved in the Environmental Fair discussions.

Action: Secretariat to circulate information on the Weeks to Commissioners.

2.19. Agreed to disband all existing sub groups with the exception of the Olympics and Transport Subgroup.

Subgroups agreed to be disbanded are therefore the following: Framework (decision to be revisited in a years time), Air Travel, Energy, Spatial Development Strategy, and Economic Development Strategy. New subgroups established as per these notes (LDA, Sus Design and Construction). Innovation subgroup to meet once. Education subgroup to meet once and bring recommendations to next meeting.

Action: Secretariat to provide amended work programme with dates and resource implications to the next meeting.

7. Marketing and Promotion Plan

The Commission had a general discussion around case studies, partnerships, media and website coverage, annual/indicators report and including an events calendar/programme. It was felt that the Commission should be clear about what it was promoting, and to whom, and to provide clear messages. It was noted that the plan needed to be amended to include more on promoting to the voluntary and community sector.

It was noted that there was currently not enough resource within the Secretariat to develop this proposal further at this stage, and that this would be within the work programme of the new staff member currently being recruited. Paul de Zylva agreed to do some work on developing this plan for the next Commission meeting.

Action: Paul de Zylva to develop plan further for next Commission meeting.

8. Operational arrangements – paper was agreed.

9. Resources – paper was noted.

10. Any Other Business

Commissioners who attended the Sustainable Communities Summit were asked to send in their comments to Samantha. **Action: relevant Commissioners**

Commissioners raised the importance of working together with the London Health Commission. Secretariat now have regular meetings with the Secretariat for the London Health Commission. **Action: Secretariat to discuss with Co-Chairs how to take this forward.**

Peter queried where the Framework sits in relation to the requirements of the new Planning Act. Penny B agreed to look into this and respond to Peter. **Action: Penny Bramwell to discuss with Peter.**

Revised Framework is available for circulation.

Bioregional and LSx have been successful in their bid for Defra funding.

It was suggested that the Commission to consider dialogue with English Partnership.

Influencing the ALG was felt to be important. Andrew stated that it would be 2006 before sustainable development could go on the ALG agenda. Meeting to be arranged with Martin Pilgrim to discuss how to take this forward. Commissioners to include Andrew, Samantha, Pamela, Penny S and Penny B.

Action: Secretariat to discuss with Andrew how to take this forward.

Penny S proposed that the Commission responds to the ALG Grants Committee consultation.

Action: Penny S agreed to draft letter on behalf of the Commission (action agreed post meeting)

11. Dates of future Commission meetings

12 May. 10am- to 1pm. City Hall (10.00 to 11.00 innovation discussion).

Next meeting's agenda to include:

National Sustainable Development Strategy, GLA group and LSDC relations (as per deferred recommendations), blue sky thinking.

Further Commission meetings: 14 September and 13 December, 10 to 1pm City Hall (although Commissioners are welcome to suggest other venues).