

**LSDC Full Commission Meeting
Wednesday 23rd April 2014, 3.15 – 5pm
City Hall (CR3)**

MINUTES

| Attendees – Commissioners | | Attendees – Secretariat |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Plowman (chair) • Adrian Gurney • Sue Riddlestone • Paul Toyne | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alison Barnes • Karen Lawrence • Nicky Gavron • Alex Csicsek (observing) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Feehily (phone) • Nusrat Yousuf • Jemma Percy |

| Apologies | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed Gillespie • Shaun McCarthy • Chris Church • Paul de Zylva • Harpinder Singh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew MacAskill • Samantha Heath • Richard Stephenson • Howard Davidson • Andy Wales |

1. Introduction and apologies

The Chair welcomed Commissioners and Secretariat, and noted apologies as reflected above.

2. Commission update

Minutes of last Full Commission meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Work streams update

Work stream leads (or Secretariat in their absence) noted key points from the update paper.

In addition – on Green Entrepreneurs, it was determined that it is important to get this work finished quickly. It is unlikely that the 30th May launch date is achievable given the report status so it was suggested a new date be found once the report is received and it is clear what further work is required.

Action: NY to get most recent version of the report from EG.

3. Infrastructure Investment Plan

- Jeremy Skinner, Senior Manager, Growth & Enterprise at the GLA presented on the Infrastructure Investment Plan (NB. This presentation was subsequently circulated to Commissioners).
- JS noted some of the drivers behind the review including a call from business that the Mayor be an ambassador for infrastructure, and the rate of population growth identified in the most recent censuses prompting an even greater need to consider infrastructure.
- This work has arisen from the recommendations of the Finance Commission's work which recommended fiscal devolution for London and the need to look at infrastructure and how to pay for this. It was recommended that the Mayor needs to be seen as the client for London's infrastructure needs.

The basis of the plan was as follows (from Jeremy Skinner's presentation):

- Taking long term infrastructure investment decisions - and deliver programmes and projects better and in a more integrated way (a new approach to infrastructure governance)
- Keeping up with growth - investment ahead of demand, e.g. for electricity, broadband, schools as housing attractors, transport appraisal and investment that supports opening up of opportunity areas.
- A more resilient and secure city – significant move away from domestic gas consumption for heating towards more decentralised electricity production, with less dependence on the grid; long-term flood risk management; a city continuing to adapt to climate change
- Sustainable resource management - introducing incentives to reduce demand for water and energy; improved waste management facilities, myth-busting their impact in local areas.
- A greener infrastructure for the city - using green space better as an infrastructure type, improving the quality of the public realm, more roads in tunnels, climate change mitigation actions.
- A smarter city – more innovative, integrated and intelligent systems
- A more connected city – recognising the patterns of growth
- Growing within our borders - incentivising growth on brownfield land, maximising densities at nodes, importance of good design as more growth goes vertical and visible.

Some additional points, and issues raised in the discussion that followed included:

- SR suggested it would be useful to discuss our Quality of Life Indicators and carbon management work with JS's team as appropriate measurement provides robust argument for London's place in the world's league tables
- JPlowman noted that it would be advantageous to see the potential barriers to success on infrastructure, as well as the opportunities or plans
- PT stressed that in order to secure or encourage inward investment on infrastructure, you need to know what the rate of return offered is. London needs to be attractive and have a business model on this as financial resources won't all come from taxation.
- JS agreed and noted that services from Arup had been procured to provide cost estimates accordingly on infrastructure requirements and existing sources of revenue to pay for them.
- SR applauded the stewardship approach being taken by the GLA
- JS welcomed KL's offer to provide information regarding aging population
- JS noted that the consideration of how to equitably deliver housing is out of scope for this piece of work, but the team are looking at the costs associated with social housing
- NG asked whether the work was considering the economics of density and a discussion ensued. JS concluded that this issue could be drawn out to some extent but would require a more academic study
- There is no current high level forum for infrastructure providers to come together, and this is an area that could be improved. There is however a high-level electricity forum convened by the GLA (Matthew Pencharz).
- PT noted the need to look at the resources needed for London and the full cycle of associated resources e.g. embodied carbon and the circular economy.
- JPlowman noted the need to look at links between housing and workspace (reducing the need to travel) and impacts on health (in relation to obesity and air quality)
- NG raised the issue of taking a decentralist approach

There was also discussion on how the LSDC could feed into this review, as follows:

- Comment and reaction needs to be received in the coming weeks
- Analysis of input into the IIP will be concluded by the end of May 2014
- There will be an opportunity to comment more formally once the draft IIP is published

Action: JS to provide link of Progress Report produced 2 – 3 weeks ago for LSDC information, the associated workshop report, along with the presentation from this meeting

Action: Commissioners wishing to contribute should submit information or analysis via the Secretariat (Jeremy Skinner indicated that he was happy to meet up with Commissioners again to discuss in further detail)

4. Commission visits

There was brief discussion about what organisations or locations the LSDC might visit. Ideas were as follows:

1. City of London (to incorporate a discussion with Simon Mills and their greening work)
2. Brent Town Hall
3. A waste related initiative
4. Lee Wickens regarding air quality monitoring activities
5. A visit regarding electric cars and buses
6. London First

Action: Commissioners to submit other ideas to the Secretariat

Action: Secretariat to arrange a visit to the City of London (engaging as appropriate)

Date of next meeting: 10th July 2014