

**London Sustainable Development Committee meeting
 Committee Room 3 - City Hall 26 July 2017; 9.30 – 12.**

Attendees: Ashok Sinha (chair), Paul Turner, Richard Templer, James Cameron, Claudia Webbe, Nicky Gavron, Shirley Rodrigues, Patrick Feehily, Cassie Sutherland, Nusrat Yousuf, Anthonia Martins, Denny Gray (CAG), Charlie Woods (EA rep)

Apologies: Paul Toyne, Karen Lawrence, James Byrne, Amanda Coyle

1	<p><u>Welcome and introductions</u></p> <p>Welcome and introductions were made and apologies were noted as above.</p> <p>Words from the chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introductory comments from the new chair ▪ Update given on recruitment of new commissioners – pending final notification to successful and unsuccessful candidates. Full complement of commissioners expected by September, which will impact the nature of substantive items that will be discussed ▪ AS stated that his intention was for the new LSDC to operate in collegiate basis, with everyone’s views valued and with everyone sharing the workload. ▪ Decisions by consensus – he wanted the discussion to be conversational, but would will intervene if required on decision making. ▪ He ran through the agenda stressing that the main purpose of this meeting was to start identifying the new work streams to be undertaken by the Commission, recognising that limited progress would be possible until the first meeting with all the new Commissioners. ▪ That said, Ashok said that helping unlock progress on the greatest challenge we face – climate change – would be certainly be central (referring to the item on finance later in the agenda); he also wanted the Commission to make real progress on ensuring action on the environment also delivered reduced inequality, increased democracy and better life chances for London’s most disadvantaged communities.
2	<p><u>Mayoral priorities and London Environment Strategy – update by Shirley Rodrigues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcomed new chair ▪ Strategies being overhauled across the board particularly Transport and Air Strategy. Key to ensure that Environment element is given prominence within these strategies – both statutory and non-statutory. ▪ Sustainable Development commissioners are integral to process

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LSDC priorities outlined – cohesion, inclusion, fairness. Needs buy-in from the commissioners and SR would welcome their assistance with progressing priorities in key areas. ▪ Issue of lack of powers in the environment sector ▪ Air Quality continues to be high profile – quick win but other areas still need focus. ▪ Tree planting programme ▪ Delivery through advocacy and convening ▪ Approach – multi functional approach would be preferable. New developments to contribute to promoting healthy lifestyles. Green roofs and healthy streets. ▪ Improving air quality – some concerns around how wide spread the messages are being received across London. Legal compliance, what action towards reducing air quality can be taken now? ▪ Energy and Climate change – what does zero carbon emission actually mean? What’s the general public’s understanding of climate change as a concept? Setting trajectory for London and exploring areas for working with industry with or without mayoral intervention. ▪ Slightly behind on carbon targets – so need help with this. ▪ Post Brexit opportunities discussed briefly and will feature as a large part of the new environment strategy. ▪ What is circular economy? Still not understood – working in partnership with other relevant internal teams such as the London Waste Board. 12,000 new jobs by 2030 will be created by Circular Economy ▪ Recycling in London continues to be a concern-both collection and disposal. Legacy waste structure wasn’t fit for purpose. Food and drink waste – what strategies can be implemented for London. Bottle return schemes? Needs top down approach from Central Government. ▪ Resilience to Climate Change - better resilience to things such as adverse weather ▪ Green infrastructure ▪ Need to grow the number of green roofs in London ▪ Mayor wants 50% - currently at 47%. Need for greater open spaces. <p>Action: Environment strategy to be launched shortly. Shirley to come back and present detail of plan at a future meeting.</p>
3	<p><u>An example of a LSDC successful work programme – Cleantech cluster for London</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RT presented an example of a successful LSDC work programme ▪ Better Future route map – opportunity area presented by Old Oak Common

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cluster for startups – response to environmental challenges and received ERDF funding ▪ Presented work in April last year – following Mayoral election, have gained buy in from new mayor and administration. ▪ High profile launch of ERDF project during London tech week. ▪ Endorsed by current and previous Deputy Mayors for Environment ▪ GLA and Imperial working with the OPDC in order to get a foothold in West London ▪ Have successfully got GLA support who are now actively finding resource to take the CTC forward.
4	<p><u>Discussion on priority work streams</u></p> <p>1. Cleantech and Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Future recruitment discussed for driving forward project and getting the cluster off the ground. New role being resources by GLA will sit in the Business Unit. ▪ RT – work still need to take the CTC forward Innovation “play ground” – what can London do? What are barriers to developing the CTC? <p>Action: Continue with sub group - Written ToRs needed for CT&I group. What are the key deliverables and milestones? To include ways for scaling to happen. – NY, JC & RT to develop.</p> <p>2. Circular Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Job creation potential identified in this area. ▪ Business challenge – Circular Economy being looked at quite closely by the GLA. ▪ Fits into Better Futures – areas for over-lap and interdependencies although not main goal of Cleantech to deal with Circular Economy. <p>Action: Drop sub group but get regular progress reports from LWARB. Watching brief approach agreed.</p> <p>3. Decentralised Energy – Is there something created? Mayor’s manifesto featured decentralised energy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LSDC is not a delivery body - not here to come up with solutions across the piece. ▪ As and when approach preferred and agreed by all present. ▪ Energy for Londoners could be a good vehicle? ▪ Carbon Financing ▪ Unlocking finance to de-risk municipality ▪ Mechanisms to structure matrix <p>Action: Drop sub group but get regular updates from decentralised energy team and Efl team at GLA. Revisit the issue in September when new commissioners come on board.</p>

	<p>4. Cross cutting and mainstreaming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infrastructure board - previous chair used to sit on this but currently being revised <p>Action: CS/NY to try and find out more for this area. Provide update at September meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultation responses e.g. London Plan ▪ Suggestion made to focus on just LP rather than all mayoral strategies. ▪ Issue of positioning ▪ Sustainability should be well woven into the London Plan ▪ Take on one London Plan – set piece intervention through QoL Indicators report ▪ Key to have a working knowledge of components of other strategies <p>Action: Timelines and timings to be discussed at next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ERDF/ ESIF board – Paul Turner sits on this. <p>Action: NY to investigate if still needed</p> <p>5. Other work streams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sowing the seeds <p>Action: to be discussed at 13th sept meeting</p>
5	<p><u>Quality of Life indicators</u></p> <p>A presentation on the underpinning evidence base for the production of new quality of life indicators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Updated from figures produced in 2012 ▪ Updated indicators and narrative around it to support intervention around the London Plan. ▪ Snapshot of sustainability performance to provide headline assessments ▪ Parallel piece of work to provide global comparisons <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Composition of data sets discussed ▪ May need to include consultation with children and young people in the next iteration of indicator set. Suggestion made that children’s society may have some useful stats/ info that could be used. ▪ Some work has been done on social integration – is it possible to include some results of this work in next iteration albeit in a qualitative fashion ▪ Landscape for measuring quality of life has changed since 2012 – balance was ensured ▪ Possible to review NOX emissions as part of underlying data – politically for air quality NOX is also important to measure in addition to PM2.5?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussion around healthy street agenda and feeling safe – how could this be reflected in the report. ▪ Key measures and indicators discussed. How is this captured both quantitatively and qualitatively ▪ Gaps within the data reported and featured in next iteration ▪ Climate change resilience – a number of measures available. Are they good enough for proxies? Agree may need to feature in next iteration ▪ Human Capital as a composite indicator - What are key components? Not immediately clear and could potential for future earning be reflected in this? ▪ Commission expressed concern that measures of educational attainment are not reflected within the 2017 data set – put back in. ▪ Appetite expressed for a generic poverty indicator? Child poverty is a little too “catch all”. All agreed that fuel poverty is a key measure. ▪ Is there a need for more indicators? Felt needed to streamline indicators however didn’t want to reflect the breath and death of previous reports. ▪ Supporting narrative and format for eventual report discussed. Cost of living should be part of report narrative. As well as infrastructure needs for London as part of the narrative. ▪ Key that thinking around final narrative reflects and helps with the input from the LSDC into the consultation of the London Plan. ▪ Second draft to be available by end August. Timeline needs to reviewed – change timeline for next draft to ready for input at 13th Sept LSDC meeting <p>Action: Commissioners to give greater thought into requirements/inputs for the next iteration of the data set to be recommendation in this report</p> <p>Action: Data set on education attainment to be retained. Link into relevant GLA work group as appropriate and relay this message.</p> <p>Action: NY, PT and AS to meet and look at information before it is re-presented to commissioners at the 13 September meeting. If possible, information to be circulated to attendees in advance.</p> <p>Action: Comms strategy for QoL ind report to be developed - NY and AS to discuss.</p>
6	<p>Discussion on generating resources</p> <p>Item deferred until September meeting.</p>
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>No other business on this occasion</p>
	<p>Date of next Meeting: 13 September 2017</p>