

**LSDC Full Commission Meeting
Thursday 27th February 2014, 2 – 5pm
City Hall (CR3)**

MINUTES

Attendees – Commissioners		Attendees – Secretariat & Guests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Plowman • Chris Church • Paul de Zylva • Adrian Gurney • Sue Riddlestone • Paul Toyne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alison Barnes • Samantha Heath • Richard Stephenson • Howard Davidson • Andy Wales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Feehily • Nusrat Yousuf • Jemma Percy • Elliot Treharne (GLA Air Quality Manager)

Apologies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed Gillespie • Shaun McCarthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harpinder Singh • Andrew MacAskill

1. Introduction and apologies

As above

2. Commission update

Minutes of last Full Commission meeting

- Concerning the implementation plan of the Mayor’s 2020 Vision, NY is liaising with Andrew Collinge (GLA Associate Director – Intelligence).

Work streams update

In addition to the work streams update and briefing papers, the following points were raised:

- **Green Entrepreneurs:** An event to launch the report is being planned. Ed Gillespie (EG) will be circulating the next draft with recommendations by Friday 28 February to give Commissioners an opportunity to comment.
- **London Leaders:** Refer to update paper. RS reported that a high level of activity was on-going and thanked JPercy for recent work.
- **Closed Loop:** Andrew MacAskill has agreed to be the LSDC representative on the GLA steering group which will be researching this topic. Paul Toyne (PT) to also be on the group, or to deputise in Andrew’s absence. PT also mentioned work of Crown estates who are applying closed loop thinking to their St James Market site.

Action: NY to discuss membership with Doug Simpson, GLA Waste Team.

- **Quality of Life – Indicators:** PT noted a request from the University of Birmingham for LSDC Commissioners to critically review a forthcoming ‘Future of Urban Living’ paper. Comments would be required from those Commissioners volunteering by 7th March. Chris Church, Richard Stephenson and Sue Riddlestone (tentative) agreed. It was noted that this would create some positive recognition for the LSDC – the paper will be launched at ICE or House of Lords towards the end of April.

Action: PT to circulate report and interested Commissioners to liaise with PT directly.

- **Sowing the Seeds:** Alison Barnes (AB) reflected on a positive meeting held in the morning to explore a new twin track approach to the work to ensure the advocacy and strategic direction was being met, alongside the grassroots development to date. A further note would be circulated of the meeting.

Action: AB / PdZ / NY to circulate notes from the meeting.

3. Air Quality

- Elliot Treharne, GLA Air Quality Manager, presented on current activities to improve air quality in London (see accompanying presentation).

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

- On the infraction slide, NO₂ exceeded by over 1000 hours = about 17% of the time / with 153 as an annual average
- PM legal limits are based around WHO recommendations but there is no safe level
- In 2013 the WHO declared diesel exhaust fumes as a class 1 carcinogenic
- NO₂ is a more complicated situation as there is a smaller body of evidence around the impacts. Typically a healthy adult can cope with these particles but children and young people are severely affected which has serious end of life implications
- Most technologies and measures bought in address PM10 and PM 2.5 but now more work needs to be done on PM2.5, PM1 and ultra-fines
- A new 'Breathe Better Together' project is focussed around communications and behaviour change as the latest evidence suggests we can reduce exposure by more than 50% if people have the right information
- ET suggested a further conversation take place with the Commission about whether there is a role the LSDC can play in this behaviour change and education sense.

Action: NY / JP to convene a further meeting with ET to explore where the Commission could input

4. Flooding

- Commissioner Howard Davidson (HD) provided insight into the recent flooding, given his role as SE Regional Director for the Environment Agency.
- He provided the group with a feel for the scale of the floods
- Further discussion took place around whether this is a need for a new infrastructure body around flooding or extreme weather, and also in terms of who the responsibility for floodwater management sits with.
- It was agreed that there is a role for the LSDC to remind people of the issues once emergency periods have passed. It was suggested that we put down a marker in FALP response around questions of resilience.

5. Further Alterations to the London Plan

A number of papers were circulated prior to the meeting highlighting the issues the lead Commissioners wanted to raise in the LSDC response to the FALP (nb. response due on the 10th April). Issues raised in discussion were as follows:

• General approach

- It was agreed that the Commission submission should focus at a strategic level and that we should make clear suggestions for changes to the relevant policies (with supporting text if appropriate), and backed up by arguments and evidence to justify the changes.
- It would be useful to refer to LSDC work wherever possible in order to help provide evidence for our statements. These might include:

- The Quality of Life Report 2012 (with cross reference to the Key Performance Indicators in Table 8.2 of the Draft FALP)
 - Other reports such as Sowing the Seeds in relation to open space issues
 - It is more likely that we will have the opportunity to give evidence at the EIP and to influence outcomes if we are able to offer specific insights founded on our work.
- **Housing needs and targets**
 - It was agreed that we should say more on issues surrounding the affordable housing need and associated targets.

Action: AG to pull together the current notes from himself and AC/ NG, with the latter making any further changes and adding affordability issues.

- On intensification it was suggested that we should express concerns about the extent to which designing for more wealthy residents is skewing space provision, and to clarify how pod housing fits within the ranges.

Action: PdZ to provide the source for the original statement on minimal and luxury space provision

- It was agreed that on sources of land (town centres, opportunity and intensification areas, and industrial areas), it is vital to consider transport and other infrastructure and to safeguard opportunities for green industries.
- **Climate Change**
 - There was discussion of issues of waste streams and of embodied energy in buildings; and of flooding – with suggestions for greater emphasis on SUDS and use of permeable surfaces.

Action: PdZ to expand on his section on the water-energy nexus with some specific proposals for change to the FALP.

Action: NG to look through the Climate Change chapter to see if there is more that can be said on the full range of issues (SR can provide input to NG)

- **Open Space Network**
- It was agreed that there should be greater clarity in FALP on the vision and functionality of the Green Infrastructure Network and its relationship with the Green Grid, the value of ecosystem services and the concerns about incremental losses to green space.

Action: PdZ to expand his text and provide suggestions for any change in policy.

- **Air Quality**
- There was discussion of whether there should be more emphasis on new developments being 'air quality neutral'.

Action: SH to consider issues such as safe routes to schools, canyon effects and use of logistic centres to see whether there is a case for making changes to policy.

- **Long term strategic issues**
- AG and SH had attended a workshop on the Infrastructure Investment Plan (2050) in December 2013. Further consultation will be undertaken in March. It was considered important that the IIA should explore a range of scenarios including addressing high and low growth forecasts.

Action: NY to check dates for consultation to arrange an early opportunity for the LSDC to meet with the relevant team.

- **Timescale**

Action: AG to draft his sections by 11th March to give suggestions for format etc. Others have full diaries until after that date, but it would be useful if we could have drafts prepared before meeting on 21st March if at all possible.

6. AOB

Patrick Feehily (PF) noted that City Group are working with GLA to hold an event around green entrepreneurs, innovation and SMEs. This was being taken forward by the GLA Commercial Team and examples are being sought around, e.g. SME examples of reducing carbon emissions. It had been suggested that there was a role the LSDC could play in terms of the event, and the London Leaders programme. The timing of the event would be late June.

Action: JP / PF to obtain more information from Nathan Davies and put on the agenda of the next London Leaders & Green Entrepreneurs sub-group to discuss.

Date of next meeting: 23 April 2014