

London Strategic Migration Partnership (LSMP) Board: Terms of Reference

The purpose of the London Strategic Migration Partnership (LSMP) Board is to provide system leadership on migration, asylum, and refugee issues in London.

The Board will work to achieve the following objectives:

1. Increase the social integration¹ of refugees, people seeking asylum, and other migrant Londoners
2. Enable the fulfilment of London's commitments to refugee resettlement, so that the capital plays an ambitious role in meeting the goals of the UK's resettlement programmes
3. Facilitate the development of new approaches to supporting people seeking asylum that are sustainable and resilient in the face of future pressures
4. Realise an equitable and place-based approach across refugee resettlement and asylum programmes ("fair shares")
5. Champion the specific needs of migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum to ensure they are met by services provided to Londoners across the Greater London Authority (GLA), local government, health systems, Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), police and civil society, including but not limited to:
 - a. Upholding the rights and welfare of migrant children, particularly children seeking asylum and children with insecure immigration status
 - b. Upholding the rights of migrant victims of crime, including with reference to modern slavery, labour exploitation and violence against women and girls (VAWG).
6. Support the development of a coordinated and well-resourced immigration advice sector
7. Improve access to education and skills training, including formal and informal English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), for refugees, people seeking asylum and other migrant Londoners
8. Understand and respond to the consequences of immigration changes, including the UK's exit from the EU and Nationality and Borders Bill.

These objectives will form the basis of a detailed workplan, where each member has an agreed role or possibility.

The Board will also provide a point for escalation of systemic challenges identified by subgroups, advisory groups and representative groups, especially the Migrant and Refugees Advisory Panel (MRAP).

¹ Social integration is the extent to which people positively interact and connect with others who are different to themselves. It is determined by the level of equality between people, the nature of their relationships, and their degree of participation in the communities in which they live

The Board will take an antiracist approach, pay attention to the intersectionality between migration, race and other protected characteristics.

Membership

Chair: Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, GLA.

Secretariat: Senior Policy and Projects Officer, GLA (LSMP Manager)

Membership:

- Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, GLA
- Assistant Director, Communities and Social Policy, GLA
- Chair, London Councils
- Chief Executives London Committee (CELC) Lead on Refugees and Asylum and London's representative on the national Home Office and Local Government Chief Executive Group
- Chief Executive, London Councils
- London Lead Housing Director for Asylum and Migration
- Association of London Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS) – Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children Lead
- Managing Director, Clearsprings Ready Homes
- Senior Migrant Help Representative
- Migrant and Refugee Advisory Panel (MRAP) Lead Members (x4)
- Homeless Migrants Advisory Panel (HMAP) representative (x1)
- UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) representative
- Director of Operations, London, Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID)
- NHS England Representative
- Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) representative
- Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) representative
- Department for Education (DfE) representative
- Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) representative
- London Resilience Forum representatives (for items as necessary)