

## Smart London Board: Meeting 17 July 2019

### **Attendees**

Theo Blackwell, Chief Digital Officer for London (chair)  
Jeremy Skinner, Nathan Pierce, Stephen Lorimer, Paul Hodgson, Joseph Colombeau, GLA  
Rikesh Shah, Transport for London  
Jim Wood, London Legacy Development Corporation  
Eddie Copeland, London Councils  
Ekaterina Lichtenstein, Project Imagine  
Jen Hawes-Hewitt, Accenture  
Volker Buscher, Arup  
Andy Hudson-Smith, UCL  
Duncan Wilson, UCL  
Miranda Sharp, Ordnance Survey

Lucette Demets, London and Partners (observer)  
Yinka Makinde, DigitalHealth.London (observer)  
Tobias Stone, Newsquare (observer)  
Anna Powell-Smith, Flourish (observer)

### **Apologies**

Claire Maugham, Smart DCC  
Ben Johnson, Senior Adviser to the Mayor of London–  
Business and Digital  
Jarmo Eskelinen, University of Edinburgh  
Omid Shiraji, LB Camden  
Linda O'Halloran, Ministry of Housing, Communities and  
Local Government  
Julie Alexander, Places for People

### *Welcome and introductions (Theo Blackwell)*

The Chief Digital Officer for London introduced proposed work around the next iteration of the London Datastore as part of his future work programme. The board was asked in this meeting to reflect on City Hall's future ambitions, focus, approach to design, and engagement with the tech ecosystem.

### *London Datastore (Joseph Colombeau)*

The London Datastore Manager at the GLA presented plans to start a discovery phase for a new London Datastore in September. New needs are emerging from publishing open data, statistics, and surveys to add publishing of shared data, live feeds, and sensor data. It will ask users and experts what our vision should be, resources needed to do this, and mapping stakeholder needs to build a case for investment from City Hall. Discussion followed on resourcing and the impact on data-evidenced approaches to London's challenges.

### *City Data Analytics Programme (Paul Hodgson)*

The GIS and Infrastructure Manager at the GLA presented the four workstreams of the City Data Analytics Programme. Information governance work is creating a catalogue of data sharing agreements, using the existing template of the Information Sharing Gateway. Technical work is ongoing in advance of a new London Datastore on a central register of city data. Project management work is matching a shortlist of projects with resources. Data science work is ongoing in housing and air quality.

### *Commercial Innovation and TfL Data (Rikesh Shah)*

The Head of Commercial Innovation at TfL told the history of open data and partnerships at TfL. Data innovations, such as the Unified API, were often tacked onto other actions, from digitising timetables for the 2012 Olympics to the refresh of the TfL website in 2014. Now there are over 17,000 developers registered to use TfL data, and in the future TfL is looking to work with other public sector agencies, leverage the talent of data scientists working on private sector solutions built from TfL data, and quantifying the value of data to Londoners and the city's economy.

Discussion followed on models of data sharing, the demand for government-held data, the value of data as it changes from historical to real-time, citizen empowerment, the need for use cases, the danger of data monopolies cutting off and/or raising prices, past failures of data exchanges, and the response of the Chief Digital Officer to DCMS on the forthcoming National Data Strategy.

**Cleared by:** Theo Blackwell, Chief Digital Officer for London

**Lead Officer:** Stephen Lorimer, Smart London Strategy and Delivery Officer, Intelligence Unit