

WIDER SOUTH EAST POLITICAL STEERING GROUP (WSE PSG)

Monday 9 September 2019 at 10:00 – 12:00

London Councils, 59½ Southwark Street, London, SE1 0AL - Meeting Room 4

AGENDA AND PAPERS

1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies Chair: Cllr Darren Rodwell, London Councils
2.	Minutes of last meeting on 8 March 2019 and matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda (draft minutes and paper attached) Chair: Cllr Darren Rodwell, London Councils Introduction from Nick Woolfenden, SEEC and Jennifer Peters, GLA
3.	Key information requested by PSG to inform discussions around future WSE collaboration, including lobbying Government on the need for key investment and action to help the WSE - discussion (paper attached) Introduction from Nick Woolfenden, SEEC, Richard Hatter, Thurrock Council and Jennifer Peters, GLA
4.	Sub-national Transport Bodies: A verbal update on transport strategies and priorities Cllr Tony Page, Reading Borough Council (Transport for the South East) Cllr Bridget Smith, South Cambridgeshire District Council (England's Economic Heartland) Cllr Linda Haysey, East Hertfordshire District Council (Transport East)
5.	Future meeting dates (paper attached)
6.	AOB Chair: Cllr Darren Rodwell, London Councils
7.	Meeting close

ITEM 2: NOTES OF THE WSE POLITICAL STEERING GROUP MEETING ON 8 MARCH 2019 & MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

**WIDER SOUTH EAST POLITICAL STEERING GROUP
8 MARCH 2019 AT 14:00 – 16:00 AT CITY HALL, LONDON
Meeting Notes for approval**

Attendance

South East

- Cllr Nicolas Heslop, Tonbridge & Malling BC (Chairing today's meeting)
 - Cllr Paul Bettison, Bracknell Forest Council
 - Cllr Carole Paternoster, Aylesbury Vale DC
 - Heather Bolton, Director, South East England Councils
 - Nick Woolfenden, Head of Policy Co-ordination, South East England Councils
- Apologies from Cllr Colin Kemp (Surrey CC), Cllr Tony Page (Reading BC)

East

- Cllr Roy Davis, Luton BC
- Cllr David Finch, Essex CC
- Cllr Linda Haysey, East Hertfordshire DC
- Mayor Dave Hodgson, Bedford BC
- Cllr James Jamieson, Central Bedfordshire Council
- Cecilia Tredget, Managing Director, East of England LGA
- Kate O'Driscoll, Policy and Programme Manager, East of England LGA
- Russell Williams, Chief Executive, Ipswich Borough Council
- Richard Hatter, Thurrock Council

London

- Jules Pipe, Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills
- Cllr Liz Green, Royal Borough of Kingston
- Darren Richards, Growth Strategies and Urban Design Manager, GLA
- Jorn Peters, Principal Strategic Planner, GLA

Apologies from Teresa O'Neill (LB Bexley), Cllr Darren Rodwell (LB Barking & Dagenham), Katharina Winbeck and Paulius Mackela (both London Councils), Josephine Vos (Transport for London)

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

1.1 Cllr Nicolas Heslop welcomed colleagues. Apologies are recorded above.

2. Minutes of last meeting on 10 October 2018

2.1 Notes of the previous meeting were approved.

2.2 Under matters arising, re Item 3 of the last meeting, Jules Pipe explained that the London Plan Examination in Public (EiP) is expected to end in mid-May. The Panel of Inspectors is expected to report by the end of summer 2019. The Mayor will then consider the Panel's recommendations and submit the revised Plan to Government by the end of 2019. The aim is to publish the final Plan in early 2020 following London Assembly approval.

2.3 In discussion, East and South East members asked Jules what the Mayor would do if London was not able to deliver the new Plan's housing targets, given they are much higher than current targets and building rates. Members were concerned that unmet housing need in London could contribute to additional out-migration and extra pressure for homes and

infrastructure in the South East and East, where there is already high demand. Jules/GLA highlighted that the Mayor thinks the Plan is robust and deliverable, and delivery will be monitored, while understanding that annual delivery figures tend to fluctuate. Challenges around meeting the Government's new Housing Delivery Test were discussed. Jules stated that delivery involves many factors outside planning control, but he highlighted the role of the Mayor's London Housing Strategy in helping with delivery. The importance of continuing to tackle housing delivery barriers as a shared workstream across the WSE was also raised, given that the whole WSE faces similar challenges and WSE partners are keen for Government to work with them to address this. The Plan's proposals for possible collaboration on employment uses, where mutual benefits can be achieved, was also raised. Overall, it will be for the EiP Inspectors to judge the Mayor's proposed approach, taking into account the views of all organisations giving evidence.

- 2.4 On other matters arising, re Item 6 of the last meeting, Jules updated members on the GLA's smarter/digital development data project. SEEC and EELGA had helped to raise awareness of the project with WSE authorities via their newsletters. Jules reiterated GLA's invitation to WSE councils to get involved and learn from this project for free and added that a few counties had so far expressed interest. South East and East members highlighted that the GLA must ensure any engagement with counties also includes the district councils, which are the planning authorities in their areas.

ACTION 1: WSE partners to consider further awareness raising about this project, in particular with district councils outside London.

3. Report of WSE Summit January 2019 and next steps

- 3.1 There was good member feedback on the Summit held on 11 January 2019. Over 100 delegates took part in panel debates and round table discussions with representatives from the three areas, including the Mayor of London.

ACTION 2: PSG approved the key outcomes report for publishing online (available [here](#))

- 3.2 Members agreed an urgent challenge was how to build momentum following the Summit, but in a resource-light way. Discussion focused on how to take forward the Summit's call for more 'meaningful' WSE collaboration. Member suggestions included joint media campaigns, or working together to have more impact on influencing Government policy eg. joint letters. Members emphasised the importance of continued WSE engagement on the London Plan post-EiP so they could jointly consider any impacts for the WSE of the inspectors' recommendations. The Chairman highlighted members' ongoing concern in two key areas:

- Clarity on what the Mayor's ask/offer to 'willing partners for growth' would look like in practice.
- Calls for the Mayor to reconsider his position on resisting London Green Belt review.

- 3.3 Some East of England members suggested action to support proposed Garden Communities, which could play a significant role in addressing areas' Objectively Assessed housing need, would also be an area for collaboration - for example through sharing experience and joint work to influence Government about what is needed to underpin successful and sustainable growth eg. funding. It was noted that there is also a need to talk more about 'sustainable' growth across the WSE, and issues such as modal shift should also feature more strongly in joint considerations around growth. Collaboration on how to attract quality businesses across the WSE was also raised as a potential area to explore, as well as opportunities for possible collaboration on employment uses/relocation where mutual benefits can be achieved.

- 3.4 Member discussion then concentrated on exploring the potential impact of London's growth plans on the East and South East. The GLA highlighted that the Inspectors have asked the Mayor a number of supplementary written questions regarding his assumptions/ approaches underpinning the Plan's housing targets and monitoring. It was also noted that EiP

participants have highlighted a range of concerns over the Mayor's housing target for London, in terms of the scale of any possible shortfall between supply and demand. Jules reiterated the Mayor is committed to the draft Plan's principle of London 'consuming its own smoke' on housing need by aiming to accommodate the vast majority of London's growth within its boundaries.

- 3.5 Whilst some aspects of work eg. speaking with 'one voice', could progress now, some members felt it would be important to understand outcomes/implications of the EiP in relation to scale of housing growth and deliverability to shape other aspects of the PSG's priorities going forward. However, Jules/GLA indicated that there was no need to wait for Inspectors' report. The Mayor's response to the supplementary written questions would give some direction on the GLA's position. Jules suggested it is possible to anticipate a limited number of potential scenarios, ie. if the Mayor's proposed growth strategy is accepted or not; and in the latter case what the implications might be for the Mayor and/or the WSE partnership to consider. Jules also reflected that London may have to consider how it would respond to an increased target from new Government housing methodology, up to around 100k homes per year.
- 3.6 Following discussion, members noted the London Plan process is approaching its final stages and asked for a PSG workshop-meeting in July to discuss the way forward. It was noted that this should not form part of any input to the current/ongoing draft London Plan process, but instead would enable members to consider the future scope and opportunities for WSE collaboration beyond the current London Plan process. Officers were asked to jointly explore:
- Planned levels of housing need/growth and expected delivery across the WSE.
 - Without prejudicing the outcome of the London Plan EiP, set out some high-level potential future scenarios on London's possible housing growth levels / the Mayor's targets being met or not met. This would help members to begin exploring how possible EiP results could affect the relationship with East and South East.
- 3.7 Any reports and subsequent proposals for priorities/future working should be brought forward to WSE PSG jointly via officers from the three areas. Members from South East and East emphasised this discussion in itself would not in any way commit East and South East to helping to becoming willing partners to accept any unmet London growth.

ACTION 3: It was agreed to test the feasibility of bringing the next meeting forward to July for members to discuss the issues in para 3.6 above, and explore the future scope for the WSE partnership in relation to the London Plan. *[Post-meeting note: Member availability was tested for July, but it was not possible to find a suitable date to meet; the meeting was brought forward to 9 September as the earliest date with sufficient member availability.]*

ACTION 4: It was agreed that GLA would not refer to this meetings' discussion, or the forthcoming workshop, at the London Plan EiP or during the ongoing draft Plan process, as the discussions would be purely exploratory in nature. It would also be important to ensure discussions did not impact negatively on existing/draft Local Plan progress outside London.

4. Ongoing WSE priorities - Tackling Housing Barriers and WSE engagement with Sub-national Transport Bodies

- 4.1 Tackling housing barriers – Arising from the Summit, members noted that a joint letter (available [here](#)) had recently been sent to Government highlighting shared concerns about its proposals to extend Permitted Development Rights.
- 4.2 Looking at wider issues re tackling housing delivery barriers, PSG then considered next steps on making the case to Government on ways to help fund in particular infrastructure and affordable housing through land value uplift capture (LVUC). Members had previously agreed

a letter should be sent to Ministers outlining possible approaches. In discussion it was also suggested that examples from specific growth areas be explored to understand current barriers and to highlight successful approaches to LVUC. Recent work by the TCPA could also be considered. The GLA also suggested this work include updating the scale of the delivery shortfall across the WSE by revisiting the real scale of unimplemented planning permissions. Previous London data came from the GLA's London Development Database (LDD), and South East/East from an analysis by EELGA officers reflecting assumptions based on a comparison between LDD and national LGA research.

ACTION 5: Members agreed officers should progress work to underpin a Ministerial letter on LVUC through specific examples, and explore the possibility of updating the unimplemented planning permissions pipeline as supporting evidence.

4.3 Sub-national Transport Bodies (STBs) - Mayor Dave Hodgson (Chair of England's Economic Heartland Strategic Transport Forum), Cllr Linda Haysey (on behalf of Transport East) and Nick Woolfenden – on behalf of Cllr Tony Page (Vice Chair of Transport for the South East) – gave progress updates. The three STBs are in the process of developing overarching Transport Strategies for their areas and are at varying stages in development.

4.4 Members highlighted the benefit of light-touch engagement between the WSE partnership and STBs, building on existing shared membership. This would help members consider any possible actions to support making the case for relevant STB priorities as they emerge, as part of the WSE's wider remit.

ACTION 6: Members agreed there should be a standing STB-update item at each PSG, at which the political representatives would update on progress and opportunities for PSG to support making the case for relevant STB investment priorities.

5. Future meeting dates

5.1 The next PSG meeting was originally scheduled for October 2019. In light of member discussions during item 3, members asked to explore if the meeting could be brought forward to July (as per Action 3). Future meetings of the supporting Officer Working Group (OWG) would also be arranged.

ACTION 7: Members agreed officers should look to bring forward the date of October's PSG meeting to July, and arrange supporting OWG meetings. *[Post-meeting note: As per Action 3, member availability was tested for July, but it was not possible to find a suitable date to meet; the meeting was brought forward to 9 September as the earliest date with sufficient member availability.]*

6. Any other business

6.1 GLA raised two items:

- GLA is interested in engaging with LEPs and Combined Authorities in the South East and East on opportunities for collaboration on the development of their respective Local Industrial Strategies.
- Ofwat has recently ordered the WSEs' water companies to make significant amendments to their new Business Plans. Officers would consider bringing to a future PSG meeting a paper about concerns related to the regulator's approach to strategic investment.

ACTION 8: GLA officers to explore opportunities for collaboration with WSE officers on the above issues.

Matters arising from minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

Recommendation:

- **Members note the issues below, arising or following on from the last meeting but not covered elsewhere on today's agenda.**

Item in draft minutes of PSG 8 March 2019	
Item 4 – Action 5: Ongoing WSE priorities - Tackling Housing Barriers	Following changes in Ministerial responsibilities after the new Prime Minister's appointment, and with much of Government's attention focused on Brexit preparation, it is felt that timing is not currently right for writing again to Ministers about Land Value Uplift Capture (LVUC) options to help fund infrastructure and affordable housing. Officer advice also indicates that whilst some local initiatives are being explored for LVUC, they are yet to have clear implications for writing to Government. Officers will continue to explore when it is timely to write to Government with specific issues/examples from the WSE. Officers are also contacting LGA to find out if it is updating its data on unimplemented permissions. Using data from consultant Glenigan is still significantly underestimating the real development pipeline, in particular as Outline Permissions are not included.
Item 6 – Any other business	<p><u>Other Wider South East initiatives:</u></p> <p>Members may find it helpful to be aware of the following independent initiatives underway, with Wider South East focus. Officers are monitoring developments, engaging where appropriate. There could be scope for inviting relevant representatives to a future meeting or Summit:</p> <p>UK2070 Commission – this independent national inquiry is reviewing policy and spatial issues related to the UK's long-term city and regional development and inequalities. It is chaired by Lord Kerslake. Its recent first report (Fairer and Stronger – Rebalancing the UK Economy) includes recommendations for greater devolution of powers and funding, the creation of four new 'super regional' economic development agencies, and a spatial plan to guide the future development of the whole of the UK. For more information see the Commission website.</p> <p>One Powerhouse Consortium – Royal Society for the Arts (RSA) is working with consultants (Aecom, Atkins and Barton Willmore) with the aim of nationally producing 7 spatial frameworks or 'blueprints' (including one for the Wider South East area) by the end of the year, which they hope will help progress recommendations from the UK2070 Commission (see above). It is financially supported by a charitable trust, and believes that a substantial part of regional inequalities can be solved not just by money, but by spatial planning. They are keen to work with the WSE partnership in terms of the narrative around the emerging work and any opportunities to take the outputs of their work forward. More information can be found on the Consortium website.</p> <p>Wider South East technical symposium – an independent group called the London & Wider South East strategic planning network (including academics and consultants who were active making representations at the recent London Plan EiP hearings), along with Southern Policy Centre, Design South East and Centre for London, with support from Arup, are hosting a seminar on 25 October. Discussions will seek to identify what unites the WSE, who might benefit from a clearer inter-regional picture and coordinated analysis and mapping, and further opportunities for collaboration. They welcome sub-regional economic, planning and transport</p>

initiatives in several parts of the Wider South East, but want to explore if economic potential could be enhanced by adopting a wider and longer-term perspective, and by joining up these initiatives. WSE OWG plans to be represented at the seminar, and will feedback any key issues arising.

Water Resources:

Regional groupings of water companies are pursuing a new strategic approach to planning for water through multi-sector regional resilience plans. They will inform decisions on new strategic water resource infrastructure, demand management and catchment interventions.

Water Resources in the South East (WRSE) is an alliance of the six water companies that operate in the South East including London and who work in partnership with the water industry regulators. On 27 September a stakeholder workshop on the preparation of the resilience plan for the South East will take place.

PSG has previously indicated interest in water resource issues, so WSE officers will consider possible actions that could help build relationships between the Water Companies and politicians / officers in the WSE, and the possible role of WSE PSG (and OWG) in facilitating engagement. Initial ideas suggested by the GLA following an early conversation with WRSE include:

- Potential value in political support for (a) strategic infrastructure, including demand management requirements resulting from Water Resource Management Plans and (b) helping to identify the level of economic resilience the Water Resource Management Plans should aim for;
- Encouraging engagement between water companies and WSE local authorities to ensure consistency re Water Resource Management Plans' assumptions of economic and housing growth; and how Water Resource Management Plans' outcomes inform the planning process in terms of water infrastructure/requirements.

In parallel, Anglian Water speaking with the next East of England officer meeting on 13 September to discuss opportunities for joint lobbying to central government on tackling barriers to housing delivery and infrastructure that could feed into the WSE work.

ITEM 3: Key information requested by PSG to inform discussions around future WSE collaboration, including lobbying Government on the need for key investment and action to help the WSE:

- Scenarios re future levels of London housing growth.
- Understanding WSE housing growth levels - summary data including East/London/South East totals of latest local plan/London Plan housing targets, Government's standard methodology need figures, numbers of homes being delivered, and Government's new delivery test.

Recommendation:

Following a request from the last meeting, PSG is invited to consider the summary data and consider how this could inform discussions around future WSE collaboration, including lobbying Government on the need for key investment and action to help the WSE.

1. Background:

- 1.1 At the last WSE Political Steering Group (PSG), following discussion about the London Plan Examination in Public (EiP), members indicated that it would be important to understand likely outcomes/implications of the EiP in relation to scale of London's housing growth and deliverability to inform other aspects of the PSG's priorities going forward . See Section 2 of this paper.
- 1.2 Members also asked that officers from East, London and South East collate some high-level data/information to help them understand the levels of housing growth being planned and delivered in the WSE. They felt understanding this could be helpful to them in making the case to Government for infrastructure investment, as well as considering future scope and opportunities for WSE collaboration beyond the current London Plan process. See Section 3 of this paper.
- 1.3 It was noted that this work should not form part of any input to the current/ongoing draft London Plan process, but instead would enable members to start to consider the future scope and opportunities for WSE collaboration beyond the current London Plan process. As noted in the minutes of the meeting, PSG members from South East and East emphasised this discussion in itself would not commit East and South East to becoming willing partners to accept any unmet London growth – as members have previously discussed, such matters would require detailed discussion locally between GLA and local authorities. These clarifications were felt important to help avoid risks of causing concern at local level or perceptions that this discussion may have an impact on existing/emerging local plans.
- 1.4 **Members are asked to note the information in the report and comment on how this could inform future WSE collaboration.**

2. Scenarios re future levels of London housing growth

- 2.1 The overall timetable towards publication of the new London Plan is as follows:
 - Receipt of Inspectors' Report - September 2019 (GLA has 8 weeks to publish after receipt)
 - Submission of Intend to Publish Plan to Secretary of State - Late 2019
 - Consideration by London Assembly - Early 2020
 - Publication of the final London Plan - Early 2020

- 2.2 However, whilst the final outcome of the EiP is clearly very important, it is not necessary to wait for Inspectors' report to progress related collaboration activities. Without prejudicing the outcome of the London Plan Examination in Public (EiP), it is possible to anticipate a limited number of potential scenarios in terms of the levels of housing growth arising following the EiP:
- Draft London Plan housing supply target – gap of 1k/a (over first 10 years) between draft Plan's housing supply target and its identified need
 - Inspectors recommend a lower housing target (resulting in a bigger gap between supply target and identified need) and an early Plan review
 - New PPG methodology (currently being developed by Government) – unknown gap – but Government is promoting the delivery of 300k homes per year nationally.

3. Understanding WSE housing growth levels - summary data including East/London/South East totals of latest local plan/London Plan housing targets, Government's standard methodology need figures, numbers of homes being delivered, and Government's new delivery test.

3.1 Following PSG's request, officers from East, London and South East have collected key housing datasets, all from publicly available sources. The data-gathering has been a major exercise, given the 67 LPAs in SE, 46 in East, and 33 in London, but this summary will be helpful in considering future scope/opportunities for WSE collaboration. The scope of this data gathering was discussed and agreed by the WSE Officer Working Group (OWG). This intended to be a standalone exercise as the overall picture will not change significantly as a result of any changes to the detail of individual authorities' data. Some officers also indicated that MHCLG is considering new approaches to the collection of housing and planning data, but the high-level snapshot of existing data, requested by PSG, would not be duplicating that. OWG considered though that WSE partnership might engage with MHCLG to understand its proposals for data collection.

3.2 Data gathered by Wider South East Officers, below, is provided as regional totals of:

i. Latest local plan housing targets – annual average

For South East and East, housing targets from post-2014 adopted Local Plans or - if more recent - Local Plan reviews which are underway and have either been approved by the council for public consultation or have been submitted for/undergoing Examination. Emerging London Plan housing targets are used for the London boroughs.

ii. Government new standard methodology need figures - annual average

New standard methodology housing need figures based on [MHCLG's Standardised Methodology](#). Note, figures for some councils may be capped (generally 40% above average annual housing requirements depending on status of current Local Plan), but this has not been included in the summary to give a picture of the 'uncapped' potential implication of the Government's methodology.

iii. Number of homes being delivered

Annual average for homes delivered (ie. net additions to stock) over last five years (years 2013/14 – 2017/18) using publicly-available [MHCLG Live Table 122 \(Net Homes\)](#) figures. For the London boroughs, [Annual Monitoring Report \(AMR\)](#) figures are used, which are slightly more up-to-date compared to the data the GLA supplies to MHCLG for Live Table 122.

iv. Government housing delivery test

A high-level summary of the number of Government's analysis of councils falling into different 'categories' (eg. need to undertake Action Plan etc) arising from results of the [Government's new housing delivery test](#). Government periodically updates this.

3.3 Regionwide summary data is set out below to inform discussions about the scale of growth planned for, and being delivered, in the WSE. Please note, many of the local plans are at different stages of

development, so the summary data for local plan targets should be considered a snapshot for indicative purposes only.

ALL DATA IN THIS TABLE IS ROUNDED AND SHOULD BE USED FOR INDICATIVE PURPOSES ONLY, AS IT IS A HIGH-LEVEL SNAPSHOT (SUMMER 2019) AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO UPDATES/ CORRECTIONS IF NECESSARY	East	London	South East	TOTAL WSE
Latest local plan housing target – annual average <i>(note – local plans are at number of different stages of preparation/adoption, so this total is an indication of total scale, which may change during plan development/Examination etc)</i>	29,000	65,000	43,000	136,000
Government new standard methodology need figures – annual average <i>(note – this is the ‘base figure’ from Government’s methodology, and does not take account of any ‘capping’ that may take place locally)</i>	37,000	95,000	54,000	186,000
Number of homes being delivered – net change annually, from MHCLG live table 122				
➤ 2017-18	25,000	32,000	39,000	96,000
➤ 2016-17	25,000	41,000	37,000	103,000
➤ 2015-16	22,000	35,000	35,000	92,000
➤ 2014-15	20,000	29,000	28,000	77,000
➤ 2013-14	17,000	27,000	22,000	66,000
Government housing delivery test (as published by Government in 2019) <i>Government thresholds for actions re % of annual housing requirement delivered:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 25% now, but rising to 75% by November 2021 = Presumption in favour of sustainable development. • 75- 85% = Action Plan & Buffer. • 85-95% = Action Plan. • 95% + = No action needed. 	17 LPAs (37%) – required to produce Action Plan & Buffer. 10 LPAs (22%) required to produce Action Plan (no buffer needed). 19 LPAs (41%) - no action needed.	12 LPAs (37%) - required to produce Action Plan & Buffer. 2 LPAs (6%) - required to produce Action Plan (no buffer needed). 19 LPAs (58%) - no action needed.	20 LPAs (30%) - required to produce Action Plan & Buffer. 6 LPAs (9%) - required to produce Action Plan (no buffer needed). 41 LPAs (61%) - no action needed.	49 LPAs (34%) - required to produce Action Plan & Buffer. 18 LPAs (12%) - required to produce Action Plan (no buffer needed). 79 LPAs (54%) - no action needed.

ITEM 5: FUTURE MEETING DATES

Recommendations: Members are recommended to consider that the next WSE Summit takes place in September /October 2020 and the future WSE PSG meeting dates arising from the agreed Summit timing

- 1.1 The annual Wider South East (WSE) Summit has historically taken place in January and provided an opportunity to shape the key priorities for the WSE partnership. The theme at the last Summit, held on 11 January 2019, was 'Addressing Growth Challenges across the Wider South East', attracting over 100 senior councillors, Local Enterprise Partnerships, and officers from across the Wider South East, and included a key note speech from Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.
- 1.2 The London Plan consultation has provided an important focus for WSE collaboration. It is expected that the final London Plan will be published in early March 2020. It is therefore recommended that the WSE Summit takes place after the publication of the Plan to enable leaders to have an informed discussion on the future scope and opportunities for WSE collaboration based upon the commitments within the Plan.
- 1.3 It will also be important to make progress on the 'strands of activities' that emerged from this year's Summit [here](#), i.e. consolidating the collaboration, one voice, pooling resources and specific priorities and opportunities for collaboration.
- 1.4 On this basis, it is recommended that the Summit 2020 takes place in September/ October 2020 to allow for adequate time following the London Mayoral and local elections in May 2020. It is recommended that the next WSE PSG meeting takes place in early March 2020, and a WSE PSG meeting takes place in November 2020, to take forward the discussions arising from the Summit. The Wider South East Officer Working Group meetings will be set accordingly to prepare for these meetings.
- 1.5 **Members are recommended to consider that the WSE Summit takes place in September /October 2020 and the future WSE PSG meeting dates arising from the agreed Summit timing.**
