

Smart London Board: Meeting Thursday 5 December 2019

See appendix for meeting attendees and apologies.

Welcome and introductions (Theo Blackwell)

The Chief Digital Officer and Miranda Sharp welcomed everyone to the Smart London Board meeting at the National Audit Office in Victoria, rescheduled from 16 October. New members proposed to the Board are: Rebecca Kemp (Citizens Advice), Yinka Makinde (Digital Health London), Anna Powell-Smith (Flourish) and Tobias Stone (Newsquare).

Launch of City Tools: London (Omid Shiraji)

Omid Shiraji, Consultant CIO at LB Camden, provided an overview of the collaboration initiative launched in November which consists of a report and interactive dashboard mapping the technologies used across London Boroughs. A step towards 'fixing the plumbing' of technology in London's public sector, the dashboard is a real-time platform, hosted by LOTI and to be maintained with Boroughs' input.

Mayor's Civic Innovation Challenge (CIC) 2.0 and Tech.London (Theo Blackwell)

Seeking innovating solutions to address city problems, 2019's CIC launched in November, with an open call to the tech-for-good scene. This year the challenge focuses on three major issues: countering violent extremism online; democratising planning; and more efficient freight in London. The CIC is hosted on the relaunched tech.london website, a platform for connecting the tech sector with London's entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Tube tunnels to be used for full fibre (Theo Blackwell)

With digital connectivity now being seen as an essential utility for citizens, the Mayor had launched London's new approach to connectivity in October, which will see tube tunnelling used to expand London's full fibre optic spine.

Cyber-security approach (Theo Blackwell)

An approach to London's cyber-security is being developed by the GLA, aiming to mainstream the issue and covering four main areas for the city: safer citizens; secure business; cyber-resilient public services; and supporting cyber sector growth. More details will be available in early 2020.

Data sharing initiatives in London and central registry

The Chief Digital Officer outlined the range of data-sharing initiatives currently underway in London and set out the hypothesis for the London Datastore to be developed as a central register of London's data. **The Board noted progress and discussed the wider potential opportunities for London to lead internationally on the role of data between citizen and state. The Board recommended work to design an ambitious, bolder citizen-focused vision for city data.**

London Datastore Discovery (Joe Colombeau)

Joe Colombeau from the GLA presented on the background and activities so far underway in the discovery project on the future of the Datastore 3.0. The discovery phase is still considering the high-level objectives before determining the methods. The ODI had been conducting the discovery since October and the piece will continue to early 2020.

Human (Jules Chappell OBE)

Jules Chappell OBE from London & Partners outlined plans for a new festival called 'Human' around immersive technology to launch in late 2020, considering London's place as the global leader in immersive digital content.

Next Year (Theo Blackwell)

The Chief Digital Officer highlighted areas which would have move prominence in City Hall's thinking over the next year, these include: artificial intelligence (AI), data ethics, facial recognition and digital skills.

Cleared by: Theo Blackwell, Chief Digital Officer

Lead Officer: Nathan Pierce, Head of Smart London Team & Programme Director of Sharing Cities

Appendix – Meeting Attendees and Apologies

Attendees

Theo Blackwell, Chief Digital Officer for London (chair)
Nathan Pierce GLA
Fiona Lalo GLA
Joseph Colombeau, GLA
Rikesh Shah, TfL
Jim Wood, London Legacy Development Corporation
Jen Hawes-Hewitt, Accenture
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)
Jarmo Eskelinen, University of Edinburgh
Julie Alexander, Places for People

Omid Shiraji, LB Camden
Jules Chappell, Managing Director Business L&P

Apologies

Claire Maugham, Smart DCC
Ben Johnson, Senior Adviser to the Mayor of London–
Business and Digital
Linda O'Halloran, Ministry of Housing, Communities and
Local Government
Eddie Copeland, London Councils
Anna Powell-Smith, Flourish (Observer)
Jeremy Skinner GLA
Volker Buscher, Arup
Ekaterina Lichtenstein, Project Imagine
Julia Thomson, GLA