

Subject: Economic Development Plan Consultation Response

Report to: Economy Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 9 September 2014

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report discusses the Committee's response to the London Enterprise Panel consultation on the proposed Economic Development Plan.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the letters to the Mayor and the London Enterprise Panel in response to the consultation on the emerging themes of the Economic Development Plan.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The London Enterprise Panel (LEP) is currently preparing a new Economic Development Plan for London. A consultation is being conducted on the emerging themes for the Plan. On 17 July 2014, the Committee met with Jeremy Skinner of the Greater London Authority and David Lutton of London First to discuss this topic.¹

- 3.2 The Economy Committee on 30 May 2012 resolved:

That a general authority be delegated to the Chair, following consultation with the lead Members of the party Groups on the Committee, to respond on the Committee's behalf where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a Committee meeting.

- 3.3 In order that the Committee's comments can be considered at the earliest opportunity, the Chair, in consultation party Group Lead Members, agreed responses to the consultation.

¹ The minutes and transcript of this meeting are available at:
<http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=255&MIId=5353&Ver=4>

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The Committee has submitted a response to the consultation. Two letters have been sent, addressing different issues. These are:
- A letter to Harvey McGrath (attached at **Appendix 1**), Chair of the LEP Economic Development Plan Working Group. This letter highlights issues the Committee believes should be addressed in the Plan, including the importance of diversity in the London economy, low pay, the poor quality of broadband connections and the need to support high street businesses.
 - A letter to the Mayor (attached at **Appendix 2**), addressing flaws in the consultation process and the overlap between the proposed Economic Development Plan and existing Mayoral and LEP strategies.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Letter to Harvey McGrath, Chair of the LEP Economic Development Plan Working Group

Appendix 2 – Letter to the Mayor of London

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: Member's Delegated Authority Form 528
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