Subject: Review Into the Skills and Employment Opportunities During the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games Time Period

Report to: Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat Date: 24 March 2011

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides background information to the discussion with invited guests on the extent to which the various skills and employment opportunities arising during the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games time period will be accessible to long term unemployed Londoners and those with no or low skills.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Committee puts questions to the invited guests and notes the answers given in response.

3. Background

- 3.1 This investigation forms part of a three stage process: the first stage was an investigation into the opportunities that arose as part of the construction phase, managed by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA). The Committee produced a report on the employment and skills legacy in 2007. This investigation forms part of the second stage: to review the employment and skills opportunities during Games time. The final stage of the process is to review the opportunities post-Games, which will be managed by the Olympic Park Legacy Company.
- 3.2 The Committee is currently investigating the extent to which the various skills and employment opportunities arising during the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games time period will be accessible to long-term unemployed Londoners and those with no or low skills.² The terms of reference agreed at its 9 December 2010 meeting were:

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¹ Link to the Committee's 2007 report http://www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/the-london-assembly/publications/2012-games/london-games-employment-and-skills-legacy

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² Link to the Committee's investigation page: http://www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/the-london-assembly/assembly_investigation/2012-skills-and-employment

- What employment and skills opportunities will be available during the staging of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games?
- How effectively are stakeholders ensuring that these opportunities are accessible to the long-term unemployed and those with no or low skills levels?
- What lessons can be learned from the construction of the Olympic site and the staging of other major events in recruiting the long-term unemployed and those with no or low skills levels?
- How will the skills and employment opportunities available during the Games period contribute to the long-term ambitions for a sustainable skills and employment legacy?
- This is the second public meeting of the review and will be focused on questioning the key strategic bodies involved in the preparation of the Games. The first meeting on this topic was held on the 15 February 2011 and focused on gathering the views of those providing employment and skills services and working directly with long-term unemployed Londoners.
- 3.4 The following guests have been invited to this meeting:
 - Neale Coleman, Director of London 2012 Coordination, Greater London Authority;
 - Paul Deighton, Chief Executive, The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games;
 - Jean Tomlin, Director of Human Resources, The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games;
 - Tom Travers, Head of Olympic Opportunity, London Development Agency; and
 - Graham Houghton, District Manager City and East London, Jobcentre Plus.

4. Legal Implications

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

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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List of Background Papers: Agenda and Minutes for the meeting of the Economic Development, Culture Sport and Tourism Committee, 9 December 2010.

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