

## annex 8 partnerships that can help to deliver the London Plan

### **Introduction**

- 1 This annex sets out key partnerships that are important to help deliver the London Plan. Some already exist, others are proposed.

### **Access Association – London Region (existing)**

- 2 The Access Association brings together the GLA, borough access officers and access consultants to share experiences of promoting and securing inclusive and accessible environments in London.

### **Community Development Trusts (existing)**

- 3 Development trusts are a particular type of partnership organisation – one that offers benefits to the local community and has advantages for many public bodies, non-profit agencies and funders. There is no single model for development trusts, but they do have common characteristics, including being concerned with the regeneration of an area, not for private gain, aiming for long-term sustainability, and community-based and accountable. Many develop a land or property base, which can earn them income. All aim to provide local solutions to local need. Finsbury and Paddington are two large trusts in London.

### **Community Empowerment Networks (existing)**

- 4 These networks operate in the 20 boroughs in receipt of neighbourhood renewal funds. The networks facilitate and support community involvement and participation in neighbourhood renewal and act as a forum through which the community could express its needs, concerns and aspirations.

### **Cross London Rail Links (existing)**

- 5 Consisting of representatives of the Department for Transport and Transport for London, this 50/50 joint venture company's remit is to plan, gain approval and develop Crossrail 1 and Crossrail 2, the proposed new cross-London rail links.

### **Cultural Strategy Group (CSG) (existing)**

- 6 Bringing together the GLA and representatives of the cultural sector, this group acts as a reference group for the Mayor's Cultural Strategy.

### **Freight Quality Partnerships (existing)**

- 7 These are partnerships between business and local authorities. They exist to develop an understanding of distribution issues and problems at the sub-regional level.

**Housing Investment Panel (existing)**

- 8 This panel brings together all the public sector investors in housing in London. It advises and supports the Mayor on the development and delivery of his Strategic Housing Investment Plan. The Panel has also agreed to align and co-ordinate the investment activities to meet the policy objectives of the Mayor's Housing Strategy.

**Learning and Skills Council (LSC)**

- 9 The LSC is responsible for commissioning and funding skills provision for people aged 19 and above who are both in and out of work (excluding higher education), in order to implement the strategy of the London Skills and Employment Board (LSEB), chaired by the Mayor. They are also responsible for funding community learning, and provision of labour market-focused information, advice and guidance for adults.

**Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) (existing)**

- 10 These are cross-sectoral, cross-agency partnerships, which bring together, at a local level, different parts of the public sector with private business, and the community and voluntary sectors, so that different initiatives and services support each other and work together. They aim to ensure that services and decisions reflect the aspirations and meet the needs of local communities and neighbourhoods.
- 11 Their core tasks are to:
- improve the delivery of services to local people, especially those living in the most deprived neighbourhoods
  - prepare and implement a community strategy
  - develop and deliver neighbourhood renewal strategies
  - work with local authorities developing Public Service Agreements.
- 12 In preparing the community strategies, the LSPs in London should ensure that community strategies refer to the strategic direction of the London Plan.

**London Access Forum (existing)**

- 13 This forum is a network of representatives from Local Access Groups and borough organisations of disabled people. Members use their personal experience to provide comments on planning applications referred to the Mayor with the aim of promoting and securing inclusive and accessible environments in London.

**London Biodiversity Partnership (existing)**

- 14 Involving the GLA, statutory and voluntary organisations, boroughs, academics and business partners, this partnership is to prepare and implement London's Biodiversity Action Plan.

**London Climate Change Partnership (existing)**

- 15 The GLA is leading the London Climate Change Partnership, which comprises many interested public, private and voluntary sector organisations. The partnership looks at various scenarios of climate change and the adaptations that would be needed.

**London Health Commission (existing)**

- 16 The London Health Commission (LHC) has approximately 40 members, drawn from across the health sector in London. The LHC informs and supports efforts to improve health and reduce inequalities across London. It is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of the London Health Strategy and ensuring that health considerations are integrated into all key Londonwide strategies.

**London Regional Technical Advisory Body on Waste (existing)**

- 17 This body includes representatives from the Environment Agency, the GLA, the London Councils, the waste industry, environment groups and neighbouring Regional Technical Advisory Bodies. It exists to fulfil the purposes of PPS 10 in relation to information requirements and as a forum for discussion of waste issues.

**Local Retail Fora (proposed)**

- 18 These groups would provide fora for communities, boroughs, local traders and landlords to work in partnership to:
- audit the current local retail provision, identify local assets, including long-term vacant properties, overlaps and gaps
  - assess demand and develop and agree a local strategy for improving access to shops and services, in the context of district and regional plans
  - work together to implement, monitor and review the strategy.
- 19 Strategies developed by local retail fora could help to encourage the retention and enhancement of local retail facilities. Other complementary measures could be required.

**London Parks and Green Spaces Forum (existing)**

- 20 The boroughs, the GLA, and other key stakeholders meet in this forum. The primary role of the forum is to develop a network for the exchange of expertise, experience, information and best practice in the planning, design, and management of London's open spaces. It is envisaged that the forum will undertake work complementary to the London Plan and advise GLA policy research and initiatives.

**London Sustainable Distribution Partnership (existing)**

- 21 This partnership brings together TfL with those involved in the distribution business to assist in the development and implementation of proposals for effective distribution of goods in London.

**London Thames Gateway Investment Panel (existing)**

- 22 Informal meeting chaired jointly by the Mayor and Minister for Housing to coordinate strategic housing and regeneration policy and investment in the London Part of the Thames Gateway region.

**London Walking Advisory Panel (existing)**

- 23 This panel chaired by the GLA brings together TfL, Police, Central London Partnership, a Primary Care Trust, a borough and representatives of other walking organisations. The aim is to establish six strategic walking routes in London by 2012.

**Mayor's Housing Forum (existing)**

- 24 This includes a wide range of London housing stakeholders from the statutory, voluntary and private sectors. It advises and supports the Mayor on the development and implementation of the Mayor's Housing Strategy. It has four independently chaired sub groups: Homelessness and Housing Need, Housing Supply, Private Sector and Community Engagement.

**Small area-based partnerships (existing)**

- 25 There are many small area-based partnerships, which will have a role in contributing to planning at the neighbourhood level, including Sure Start, Health Action Zones, Employment Zones, Education Action Zones, Single Regeneration Budget partnerships, New Deal partnerships and other informal neighbourhood-based networks and forums. They may have a role in identifying neighbourhood needs that could then be addressed through development and planning obligations or other mechanisms.

**Sub-regional partnerships (existing)**

- 26 These are partnerships that promote development opportunities within the sub-regions. They encourage linkages between the various regeneration initiatives, and seek to maximise benefits associated with regeneration for local communities. The sub-regional partnerships are being reshaped to meet the new sub-regional definitions and will assist with the delivery of the London Plan objectives to accommodate growth and help develop Sub-Regional Implementation Frameworks that will be refined to meet new sub-regional objectives.

**Thames Gateway Strategic Partnership (existing)**

- 27 This is a government body that aims to co-ordinate development in Thames Gateway across three regions and act to identify resources and mechanisms needed to deliver change.

**Thames Policy Area strategy partnerships (existing and proposed)**

- 28 These are public, private and community sector partnerships to prepare and implement policies and actions for the Thames Policy Area. The Hampton-Kew, Kew-Chelsea and Thames Strategy East partnerships currently exist and the GLA will work with the Cross River Partnership to advance mechanisms between Chelsea and Tower Bridge.

**Town centre partnerships (existing)**

- 29 These partnerships bring together the public, private and voluntary sectors to enhance and sustain the vitality and viability of town centres. Core areas of activity for town centre partnerships include:
- development: creating a positive environment that enhances the town centre and secures investment to ensure the town centres' long term future
  - management: ensuring the maintenance functions operate effectively and efficiently, and a safe and clean environment is available for all town centre users
  - promotion: promoting and publicising the town centre.

**Specific actions (i.e. BIDs) vary between individual town centres.***Other partnerships*

- 30 Other partnerships will be developed to take the work of the plan forward as appropriate. The Mayor is committed to the concept of partnership working and welcomes proposals, which will facilitate his vision for London set out in the plan.

