

Wider South East Summit

19 March 2015, 15:30

Committee Rooms 4+5, City Hall, London

Notes

List of Registered Delegates

See Annex 1

Welcome

Welcome by independent Summit Chair, Phil Swann, who reiterated focus on identifying a mechanism to take forward discussions between London and councils in the East and South East, but not to discuss the substance of the planning and growth issues involved.

View from the East

Cllr Tony Jackson (East of England LGA Chairman, East Herts DC) stressed the East of England LGA's role as facilitator in the process. He stated that any process must consider the challenges and needs of the East of England and the South East equally with those of London, and that a joined up approach to achieving sustainable economic growth across the Wider South East and London is needed. The agreed process should include a means by which different perspectives from across the East of England are listened to. Any future discussions on the issue of London's growth must be coupled with discussions about a more equitable distribution of jobs growth and infrastructure provision.

View from the South East

Cllr Gordon Keymer CBE (South East England Councils Chairman, Tandridge DC) shared Cllr Jackson's views. He reiterated the role of the East and South East as equal partners to London. He raised three key issues:

- The Green Belt – London should not rule out a Green Belt review and London boroughs should do more to address housing need within London
- Jobs/Economy – need to recognise the very strong economy of the South East in its own right. This must not be stifled by becoming just a dormitory for London's workers.
- Infrastructure – already at its limits. More investment is needed and should not only focus on London's needs but also on those of the South East and East

View from London

Sir Edward Lister (Deputy Mayor of London for Planning) stressed the role of the wider SE as the nation's economic powerhouse and key economic linkages reflected for example in the significant daily commuter flows into London. He referred to the significant growth in households across the wider SE and confirmed that in accordance with the 2015 London Plan London would seek to accommodate its housing need within its boundaries. He emphasised the need for higher densities as well as the importance of Opportunity Areas and Town Centres to achieve this. He mentioned the challenge to convert planning approvals into completions, and

he reiterated the importance of transport investment and London's commitment to deal with its waste within its boundaries.

Trends, issues and options

John Lett, Strategic Planning Manager at the GLA, gave a presentation (see Annex 2) based on the circulated Discussion Paper (see Annex 3).

Panel discussion

During the Panel discussion the following points were made. The majority of contributors expressed a preference for Option 2 (the Roundtable format).

- The opportunity for discussion at this Summit was welcomed and an interest in future cooperation was expressed by many participants.
- The process to explore cooperation arrangements should be robust, member driven and independently facilitated; the group that is being established should be small but accountable.
- Any arrangement should be output driven (not a talking shop) and needs to ensure that difficult issues can be addressed and are not 'kicked into the long grass'.
- Not all meetings should take place in London.
- It would be important to develop a positive relationship with the LEPs and involve them in this process.
- Better arrangements will support the application of the Duty to Cooperate across the wider SE.
- The authorities outside London have their own set of challenges and some consider that they are in a worse position than London in their ability to accommodate growth. This should be recognised in discussions with all needs considered jointly in an equal partnership. The aim of cooperation should be to achieve genuinely sustainable growth across the whole wider SE.
- There is also an opportunity to jointly address the barriers to housing delivery.
- Inadequate infrastructure provision and the costs to address it represent key concerns. In particular where growth is being embraced, the infrastructure to accommodate it should be provided.
- There are also significant concerns about the lack of education and skills for key services required within the wider SE.
- As the basis for further discussions it is essential to gain a better understanding of the data/evidence underlying the issues different parts of the wider SE are facing. London has already started to share some of its data on a consistent, regional basis.

Conclusion

Phil Swann summed up the discussion as follows:

The Summit supported the creation of a mechanism to take forward discussions between London, East and South East England on planning, housing, infrastructure and the economy based on Option 2 (Wider South East Roundtables).

It was agreed that the process should reflect the following principles:

- It must address the challenges facing the places around London as well as London itself;
- The focus must be on economic growth as well as housing growth and resulting infrastructure requirements;
- It must reflect the fact that there is a variety of views within the East and South East;
- It must be a robust and independently facilitated process.

It was also agreed that:

- A first step should be to pull together a shared data base to underpin the work;
- LEPs should be involved to support work on economic growth and skills;
- There should be a political steering arrangement to act as a clearing house for emerging issues, to ensure that the momentum is maintained with an output-driven process and that the difficult issues are not kicked into the long grass.

The Summit asked the elected members on the panel together with the deputy mayor to agree and circulate the meeting notes to all the councils involved, along with high level proposals for roundtables in summer/autumn 2015. A 2nd political wider SE summit will be held in December 2015 to consider/agree roundtable outcomes and the longer term way forward.

Annex 1

Wider South East Summit - 19 March 2015

List of Registered Delegates

Name	Organisation
Cllr David Robey	Ashford Borough Council
Simon Cole	Ashford Borough Council
Cllr Carole Paternoster	Aylesbury Vale District Council
Cllr Peter Jones	Babergh District Council
Matt Winslow	Basildon Borough Council
Cllr Richard Moore	Basildon Borough Council
Jill Fisher	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Paul Rowland	Bedford Borough Council
Dave Hodgson	Bedford Borough Council
Andrew Hunter	Bracknell Forest Council
Cllr Paul Bettison	Bracknell Forest Council
Nick Hibberd	Brighton & Hove City Council
Sandra Rogers	Brighton & Hove City Council
Cllr Mark Mills-Bishop	Broxbourne Borough
Chris Williams	Buckinghamshire County Council
Cllr Lewis Herbert	Cambridge City Council
Cllr Kevin Price	Cambridge City Council
Alan Carter	Cambridge City Council
Cllr John Gilbey	Canterbury City Council
Ian Brown	Canterbury City Council
Cllr Bill Sharp	Castle Point Borough Council
Cllr Richard Stay	Central Bedfordshire Council
Cllr James Jamieson	Central Bedfordshire Council
Claire Stuckey	Chelmsford City Council
Cllr Nick Rose	Chiltern District Council
Cllr Graham Harris	Chiltern District Council
Laura Chase	Colchester Borough Council
Cllr Peter Smith	Crawley Borough Council
Cllr Stephen Joyce	Crawley Borough Council
Cllr Paul Watkins	Dover District Council
Mike Ebbs	Dover District Council
Cllr James Palmer	East Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr Tony Jackson (Speaker)	East Herts District Council and Chairman of East of England Local Government Association

Cecillia Tredget	East of England Local Government Association
Cinar Altun	East of England Local Government Association
Hannah Shah	East of England Local Government Association
Deborah Sacks	East of England Waste Technical Advisory Body and the South East Waste Planning Advisory Group
Cllr Keith House	Eastleigh Borough Council
Mark Behrendt	Elmbridge Borough Council
Cllr Andrew Kelly	Elmbridge Borough Council
Cllr Richard Bassett	Epping Forest District Council
Cllr Neil Dallen	Epsom & Ewell Borough Council
Dominic Collins	Essex County Council
Cllr James Waters	Forest Heath District Council
Cllr John Burden	Gravesham Borough Council
Cllr Trevor Wainwright	Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Sir Edward Lister (Speaker)	Greater London Authority
John Lett (Speaker)	Greater London Authority
Richard Linton	Greater London Authority
Jorn Peters	Greater London Authority
Ben Corr	Greater London Authority
Jeremy Skinner	Greater London Authority
Cllr Stephen Mansbridge	Guildford Borough Council
Chris Murray	Hampshire County Council
Cllr Roy Perry	Hampshire County Council
Graeme Bloomer	Harlow Council
Cllr James Radley	Hart District Council
Cllr David Neighbour	Hart District Council
Cllr Richard Thake	Hertfordshire County Council
Paul Donovan	Hertfordshire County Council
Jane Custance	Herts Planning Group
Cllr Harvey Cohen	Hertsmere Borough Council
Julia Dawe	Horsham District Council
Cllr Ray Dawe	Horsham District Council
Cllr Claire Vickers	Horsham District Council
Cllr Jason Ablewhite	Huntingdonshire District Council
Russell Williams	Ipswich Borough Council
Cllr Paul Carter	Kent County Council
Barbara Cooper	Kent County Council
Stephen Wilkinson	Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
Cllr Cameron Geddes	London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
Cllr Teresa O'Neill	London Borough of Bexley
Cllr Doug Taylor	London Borough of Enfield

Cllr Claire Kober	London Borough of Haringey
Cllr Roger Ramsey	London Borough of Havering
John McGill	London. Stansted. Cambridge. Consortium
Cllr Roy Davis	Luton Borough Council
Keith Dove	Luton Borough Council
Cllr Annabelle Blackmore	Maidstone Borough Council
Simon Meecham	Maldon District Council
Catherine Smith	Medway Council
Cllr Garry Wall	Mid Sussex District Council
Bob Wilson	Milton Keynes Council.
Cllr Chris Townsend	Mole Valley District Council
Jack Straw	Mole Valley District Council
Cllr John Northcott	Mole Valley District Council
Phil Morris	Norfolk County Council
Cllr Lynda Needham	North Hertfordshire District Council
David Scholes	North Hertfordshire District Council
Cllr Tom FitzPatrick	North Norfolk District Council
Chris Kenneford	Oxfordshire County Council
Bev Hindle	Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr Marco Cereste (Panel)	Peterborough City Council and Deputy Chairman of East of England Local Government Association
Cllr Allen Kay	Reigate & Banstead Borough Council
Cllr Roland Dibbs	Rushmoor Borough Council
Cllr Robert Piper	Sevenoaks District Council
David Shore	Shepway District Council
Alison Bailey	South Bucks District Council
Nick Woolfenden	South East England Councils
Heather Bolton	South East England Councils
Sarah Momber	South East England Councils
Andrew Lewis	Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Cllr Ron Woodley	Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Cllr Vivienne Leighton	Spelthorne Borough Council
John Devonshire	Spelthorne Borough Council
Cllr David Yates	St Albans City and District Council
Cllr Sharon Taylor OBE	Stevenage Borough Council
James Cutting	Suffolk County Council
Cllr David Hodge (Panel)	Surrey County Council and and Deputy Chairman of South East England Councils
Sue Janota	Surrey County Council
Cllr Moira Gibson	Surrey Heath Borough Council
Cllr Andrew Bowles	Swale Borough Council

Sarah Thompson	Tandridge District Council
Cllr Gordon Keymer CBE (Speaker)	Tandridge District Council and Chairman of South East England Councils
Cllr Iris Johnston	Thanet District Council
Adrian Verrall	Thanet District Council
David Holmes	Three Rivers District Council
Andy Millard	Thurrock Council
Cllr Sue Murray	Tonbridge & Malling BC
Ian Bailey	Tonbridge & Malling BC
Chris Hyde	Transport for London
Ian Birch	Transport for London
Cllr Alan McDermott	Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Andrew Taylor	Uttlesford District Council
Cllr Susan Barker	Uttlesford District Council
Cllr Ann Newton	Wealden District Council
Cllr Warwick Robinson	West Oxfordshire District Council
Giles Hughes	West Oxfordshire District Council
Steven Wood	West Suffolk (Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Councils)
Geoff Mee	West Sussex County Council
Cllr John Kaiser	Wokingham Borough Council
John Spurling	Wokingham Borough Council
Cllr Neil Marshall	Wycombe District Council
Corinne Swain	Arup
Catriona Riddell	Catriona Riddell Associates
William McKee CBE	Chairman of Outer London Commission
Rachel Barker	Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership
Stephen Walker	Environment Agency
Lee Searles	Enzygo Ltd
Brian Horton	Horton Strategic Limited
Ian Gordon	London School of Economics
Adam Dodgshon	Planning Advisory Service
Phil Swann (Chair)	Shared Intelligence

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**Towards more effective
arrangements for coordinating
strategic policy and investment
across the wider SE**



MAYOR OF LONDON



Regional issues: people and housing

CLG h.hld projections
2012-37:

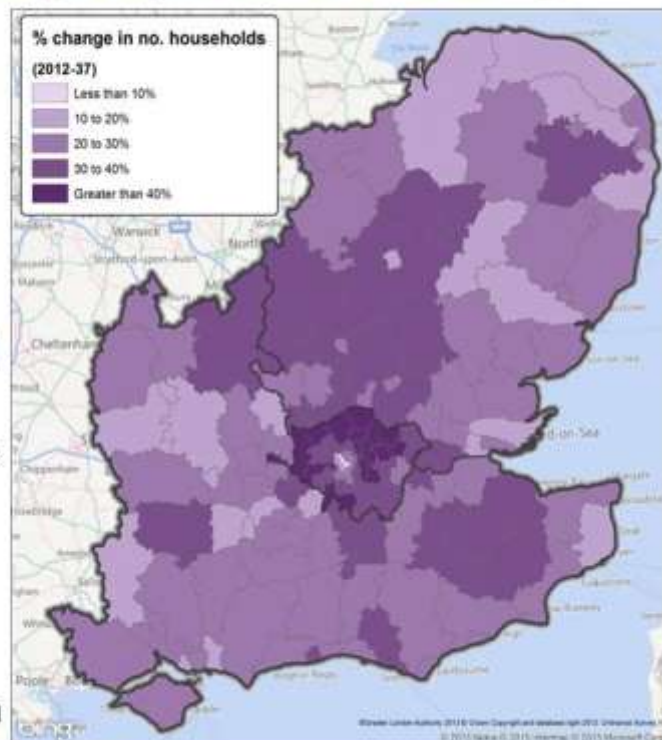
- East 26,000 pa
- South East 37,000 pa
- London 53,000 pa

New London Plan designed
to meet need:

- Realistic: 58,000 approvals pa

Common issues:

- translating approvals to completions
- long term population uncertain



Other regional issues include:

- Local & broader economies eg jobs 2009 - 14
- East 18,000pa
- South East 36,000 pa
- London 107,000 pa
- Together c50% national GDP
- How to realise local opportunities through strategic action?

PLUS

- Environment
- Transport
- Other Infrastructure



Towards a more effective regional coordination structure:

Objectives:

- Better understanding of common issues
- More effective engagement in strategic policy eg London Plan review
- More effective engagement on strategic infrastructure

Key considerations:

- What area should be covered?
- What should be the membership?
- How should contributions be made?
- How should it be administered?
- Building on existing arrangements?
- Short term and longer term structures?
- What should it be called?

How to identify the best coordination structure? eg through....

Wider SE Panel

- Events around the quadrants of the SE
- Panel of local members and independents

Wider SE 'Roundtables'

- Member based round tables
- Independent facilitators
- London based

Wider SE Officer group

- Officers develop 19.3.15 views/options
- Test through a member steering group

- Work through these arrangements to be overseen by regional political leadership
- Work to be coordinated/informed by that of the Outer London Commission
- Recommendations to be finalised by a further Regional Summit late this autumn

Annex 3

Strategic Spatial Planning Officer Liaison Group

Wider South East Engagement Final Discussion Paper for Wider South East Summit

Recommendation:

That the Summit considers and decides how to take forward joint discussions between London, East and South East England, to explore mechanisms to:

- i. Understand common issues underpinning the economic future of London and the wider South East
- ii. Seek more effective engagement in the London Plan review
- iii. Seek more effective engagement on strategic infrastructure provision.

It is proposed a 2nd wider South East Summit in November 2015 will aim to agree a way forward on future dialogue and cooperation.

1 Background

- 1.1 The localism agenda rightly emphasises the need to address local issues at the local level and it is widely recognised that this agenda can address many of those which, individually, face authorities in London, the South East and East of England – the wider South East (SE).
- 1.2 However, although a highly diverse area, there are strong strategic interdependencies between London and the wider South East that underpin their collective economic success – geographically and economically this is much bigger than any other city region in the country.
- 1.3 Supported by a small joint officer group (the Strategic Spatial Planning Officers Liaison Group – SSPOLG), the East of England Local Government Association (EELGA), South East England Councils (SEEC) and the Mayor currently discuss on an informal basis common strategic issues facing the area. Wider SE responses to the Further Alterations to the London Plan (FALP) and the Mayor’s 2050 Infrastructure Plan suggest that there is potential for developing more effective arrangements over time to:
 - identify the broad strategic challenges and opportunities facing the area;
 - represent them to relevant agencies, including government and the Mayor; and
 - develop policy options to address them.
- 1.4 This paper is intended to inform discussion on potential arrangements including:
 - the objectives of wider SE dialogue and cooperation;
 - how to best develop options to take these objectives forward in terms of the structure of the arrangements in the short/medium and longer terms; and
 - initial ideas on the issues which might be considered through these arrangements.
- 1.5 As a discussion document this paper has gone through several iterations. To initiate political dialogue and cooperation a ‘wider South East Summit’ is taking place on 19 March 2015. At the Summit, views will be canvassed on options to improve political

dialogue/cooperation and whether it would be useful to support one of the mechanisms proposed for taking wider soundings around the wider SE. The outcomes/recommendations emerging from this process would report to a second wider SE Summit in November 2015.

- 1.6 The work would complement that of the Mayor's established Outer London Commission (OLC)¹ which has been invited to explore, from a London perspective, more effective ways of coordinating approaches to common strategic planning issues facing London and the Wider South East. It is envisaged that both the next steps arising out of the Summit and the OLC will work collaboratively to enhance and strengthen future engagement between London and the Wider South East. The OLC will also report in late 2015.

2 Draft objectives: more effective arrangements for dialogue and cooperation across the wider South East

- 2.1 While not all stakeholders in the wider SE may agree with some of the detail of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), it does provide a common policy benchmark for the area and it is suggested that most would support its central objective – to foster sustainable development. Given the significance of the interdependencies between London and East and South East England, and growth challenges and opportunities facing the areas, closer dialogue/engagement will be vital.
- 2.2 The statutory Duty to Cooperate (DTC) applies to all local authorities and the GLA in terms of Local Plans. In terms of the preparation of the London Plan, the Mayor is bound by his own Duties to Inform and Consult which effectively if not legally are similar to the DTC. His London Plan also gives strong policy support to cooperative working to address issues of concern in the wider SE. Irrespective of legal differences between London and the wider SE, it is suggested that all can rally round the need to engage constructively on common strategic issues and collaborate in addressing some of them, even if it may not be possible always to agree on a universal way forward.²
- 2.3 Three key objectives for wider SE dialogue and cooperation are proposed for consideration:
- i. **To better understand common issues:** currently there is a strong 'localist' focus in identifying and addressing planning issues within the wider SE. Could this usefully be complemented by developing consistent data collection/analytic capacity to identify strategic issues which affect the area more widely? An authoritative appreciation of the relationship between changing demographics and housing need is particularly important, backed by a similar understanding of the wider SE's changing economy and supporting infrastructure requirements under different future scenarios.

¹ Its role is to advise how Outer London can play its full part in the city's economic success. For further details see <http://www.london.gov.uk/olc/>

² See also:

- *National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) - Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 9-007-20140306: 'Cooperation between the Mayor, boroughs and local planning authorities bordering London will be vital to ensure that important strategic issues, such as housing delivery and economic growth are planned effectively'.*
- *FALP Inspector's Report (Nov 2014) – paragraph 57: 'In my view, the Mayor needs to explore options beyond the existing philosophy of the London Plan. That may, in the absence of a wider regional strategy to assess the options for growth and to plan and co-ordinate that growth, include engaging local planning authorities beyond the GLA's boundaries in discussions regarding the evolution of our capital city.'*

- ii. **To seek more effective engagement in the London Plan review:** consultation on the draft Further Alterations to the London Plan (FALP) and the 2050 Infrastructure Plan elicited a wide range of responses from the wider SE, many with a common theme – the need for more effective political and technical engagement in preparation of the full review of the London Plan. Facilitating this could be a core objective for the new arrangements.
 - iii. **To seek more effective engagement on strategic infrastructure provision:** this has emerged from discussions with EELGA and SEEC as an area with particular potential, not just in terms in making common cause in bidding for investment but also in bringing forward sustainable development. It might apply to social and environmental as well as physical infrastructure.
- 2.4 To develop options for practical arrangements for cooperation and collaboration, different mechanisms are proposed below. Underlying principles are that options for future engagement should be transparent and open, and make best use of existing resources and structures.

3 Developing more effective arrangements for dialogue and cooperation across the wider South East

Key steps/timetable:

STEP 1. Discuss and test options for engagement

- Initial wider SE Summit to consider options for exploring future dialogue/cooperation arrangements (see grey box below) and agree a preferred way forward – 19 March 2015
- Establish small political steering group to oversee the process – May 2015 onwards
- Take forward preferred option to explore dialogue/cooperation arrangements – Spring-Winter 2015
- Second wider SE Summit, with the aim of agreeing a way forward on future dialogue/cooperation – November 2015

STEP 2. Implementation

- Implementing mechanisms for dialogue and cooperation – November 2015 onwards

- 3.1 The following includes different options as potential mechanisms to advise on these arrangements by late 2015. All options would be supported by a small political steering group comprising representatives from the South East, East of England and London and a second summit in November 2015 which will, based on emerging outcomes and draft recommendations, aim to agree next steps:

Option 1 Wider South East Commission/Panel

Establishment of formal Commission/Panel (e.g. with one unitary, one county and two district authority representatives, and perhaps independent advisors on planning and the economy and an independent chair). This could follow the already established Outer London Commission model (meetings in public; officer/invited presentations; background papers circulated beforehand; local publicity; followed by private meetings to finalise the recommendations) with four sub-regional roadshows/events spread around the wider South East to sound out views of future structures. It would offer the opportunity for councillors to set out local issues. This arrangement would operate collaboratively with the work by the Outer London Commission, which will be taking soundings on such structures from a London perspective.

Option 2 Wider South East Roundtables

Less formal roundtable meetings taking place in London with councillors from the wider South East and an independent 'facilitation panel'; structured/facilitated questions and discussions. This arrangement would operate collaboratively with the work by the Outer London Commission (see Option 1 above).

Option 3 Wider South East Officer Group

Building on councillor input at the 19 March summit, an already established officer group (SSPOLG) would work on developing and testing options iteratively which are then assessed by the small political steering group (see paragraphs 3.1). This arrangement would operate collaboratively with the work by the Outer London Commission (see Option 1 above).

- 3.2 For all options the following issues will have to be considered:
- **membership** – size, geography, political and other representatives, chair?
 - **venues** – where would the required meetings take place?
 - **written contributions** – (how) should short written contributions for those not able to take part in person be considered?
 - **reporting** – who should be responsible for the administrative arrangements and ensure outcomes and draft recommendations are captured?
- 3.3 Effective political engagement of Council Leaders from outside London is a key issue, and therefore views on the role that councillors may wish to have in steering the process or getting involved are crucial.
- 3.4 For all options it may be useful to refine this Discussion Paper in the light of the Summit as the basis for the further discussions and to establish a small political steering group to oversee the process.
- 3.5 Any mechanism would consider options for future cooperation arrangements including building on current arrangements (EELGA/SEEC/Mayor + SSPOLG), with additional informal/sub-regional groupings focused on particular challenging issues or opportunities eg early 'volunteers/partners for growth' which could carry out more detailed work.

- 3.6 It will also draw on the considerable body of thinking on how arrangements for wider SE cooperation/planning could be made more effective in the longer term (see Annex 1). Models range from loose voluntary associations to suggestions already made, eg a regional 'senate'; a regional equivalent to the London Planning Advisory Committee; lessons from other big city regions.
- 3.7 Would it be useful for these (see Annex 1) to be collated and summarised as a basis for discussion and to inform the meetings?

4 What are the issues to address via new arrangements for political and technical dialogue and cooperation across the wider South East

- 4.1 The abolished Regional Spatial Strategies identified what at the time were considered to be the strategic issues facing the East and South East, but that was under different administrative arrangements for addressing them and prior to the recent recession and substantial growth in London's population and employment. It is anticipated that authoritative identification of strategic issues currently facing the wider SE will require further analysis, developing understanding of the issues and mechanisms for political and technical dialogue and cooperation where appropriate. The headlines set out in the following paragraph are intended to inform initial discussions.
- 4.2 Key issues³ where London and the wider SE have strong inter-dependencies or face significant challenges:
- **Sustaining and growing economic success** – what are key economic links and dependencies across/beyond the wider SE? what's needed to underpin ongoing success?
 - **Tackling economic under-performance and regeneration** – how can all areas benefit from the wider SE's economic potential?
 - **Housing the growing population** – what demographic changes are expected and where will people live?
 - **Balancing growth and environmental priorities, including open space and addressing climate change** – how will constraints and opportunities influence future development?
 - **Delivering strategic transport infrastructure** – what are the priorities for investment to support economic success?
 - **Providing services for communities, including education/skills, health, care, power, water, waste** – how to ensure all partners play their part meeting the needs of the growing population?

³ Also informed by FALP and London Infrastructure Plan consultation and discussions since then.

Annex 1 (of Annex 3) - Strategic Planning – Recent Publications⁴

English Regional Planning 2000 – 2010 Lessons for the Future (2013) – edited by Corinne Swain et al: Study contributes to understanding of how strategic planning can – based on past experience - provide a framework for guiding spatial change and allocating resources, looking to a long-term sustainable future. <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415526081/>

Lyons Housing Review (Oct 2014): Housing funding streams should be consolidated as part of an economic development fund and devolved to city and county region authorities working across functional economic areas. http://www.yourbritain.org.uk/uploads/editor/files/The_Lyons_Housing_Review_2.pdf

Royal Town Planning Institute: Strategic Planning –

- Beyond ‘Co-operation’ (Sept 2014): Proposals draw on existing arrangements but require much stronger incentives to cooperation and making plans for the future. <http://rtpi.org.uk/media/1110489/Strategic%20Planning%20Beyond%20Cooperation.pdf>
- Effective Cooperation for Planning Across Boundaries (Jan 2015): Includes a range of case studies. For England the focus should be on incentives where the duty to cooperate has not been effective, and to build on the momentum to harness the potential of the city regions. <http://www.rtpi.org.uk/media/1230885/RTPI-Strategic%20Planning-Brochure%20FINAL%20web%20PDF.pdf>

Highbury Group on Housing Delivery: In response to the above RTPI paper, it calls for a new strategic planning for the London metropolitan preparing a Metropolitan regional plan. http://www.westminster.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/338118/HIGHBURY-GROUP.-Response-to-RTPI-strategic-planning-paper.-FINAL.-3.10.14.pdf

Future of London: Working Beyond Boundaries (Oct 2014): Calls for the Mayor to take a broader perspective and relieve planning pressure on local elected officials. <http://www.futureoflondon.org.uk/futureoflondon/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2014/10/Working-Beyond-Boundaries-briefing-paper-web.pdf>

Andrew Boff GLA Conservatives: Southern Power House (Jan 2015): Promotes a comprehensive reform of London’s governance and tax powers and the establishment of a Thames City-Region to give the South East a say in London’s growth and prosperity. <http://glaconservatives.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/southern-powerhouse.pdf>

Also relevant in this context:

Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners: London’s Unmet Housing Needs – Meeting London’s overspill across the wider South East (Apr 2014): Study shows how London’s unmet housing needs could be distributed using a ‘Gravity Model’ approach and calls for the GLA and the authorities within the wider London Housing Market Area to work together to address this unmet need effectively. <http://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/285GladmanDevelopmentsLtdResponse.pdf>

Foresight, Government Office for Science: Investing in city regions – How does London interact with UK system of cities and what are the implications of this relationship? (Oct 2014): Study discusses whether stronger UK supply chains would enable faster growth for a number of cities and the UK as a whole. It concludes that a strong counterweight to London’s global role should not be its restriction and that local rivalries should be made a positive force for innovation. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/365099/london-and-UK-system-of-cities.pdf

DCLG: National Planning Policy Guidance: Duty to Cooperate, paragraph 7: Cooperation between the Mayor, boroughs and local planning authorities bordering London will be vital to ensure that important strategic issues, such as housing delivery and economic growth, are planned effectively. <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/duty-to-cooperate/what-is-the-duty-to-cooperate-and-what-does-it-require/>

Planning Advisory Service has developed a suite of practical guidance tools to facilitate compliance with the Duty to Cooperate. This includes a ‘Duty Statement template’, which addresses Governance and working arrangements and suggests for example memorandums of understanding to evidence agreements. http://www.pas.gov.uk/web/pas1/events-and-support2/-/journal_content/56/332612/6387362/ARTICLE

⁴ Only selection – not comprehensive.