



Full Commission Meeting

Meeting: 13th May 2024 12.00 – 15.00
City Hall

Attendees:

Commissioners

Ashok Sinha (Chair)
Jo Blackman
Richard Templer
Maria Adebawale-Schwarte
Charlotte Wood
Nick Mabey
Malini Mehra
Leonie Cooper

Secretariat

Nusrat Yousuf
Jon Emmett
Megan Dalgarno

Apologies:

David Elliott
Paul Toyne
Syed Ahmed
Dimitri Zenghelis

Agenda:

1. Introduction from the Chair
2. London Climate Action Week
3. Future shape and direction of the LSDC
4. Stocktake of London and the LSDC
5. Just Transition subgroup update
6. Social Value subgroup update
7. AOB

2. London Climate Action Week

- LCAW 2024 is 22-30 June 2024
- 2024 themes:
 - Road to climate ambition at COP30
 - Financing Global Climate Transitions
 - Delivering net zero and resilient London & UK
 - Mobilising whole of society climate action

Agreed:

- The LSDC will look to hold an event during London Climate Action Week focused on resilience and heat, possibly with the London Climate Change Partnership. LCAW secretariat offered to provide a venue with 40-60 capacity free of charge.

Actions:

- Secretariat to share the LCAW slides from the meeting with commissioners.
- Secretariat to look into possibility of event (in-person or webinar) with London Climate Change Partnership and take forward the planning.

- Secretariat to look for speaking opportunities for commissioners at LCAW events
- Secretariat to share cleantech distribution data for London and UK

3. Stocktake of London and the LSDC

- An overview was presented of the newly elected Mayor's manifesto priorities, the new makeup of the London Assembly, and expected changes to GLA ways of working to deliver fewer, more impactful programmes.
- Two Deputy Mayors have stepped down since the election, including the Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy. some Deputy Mayoral remits have changed, with the Skills brief moving to the Deputy Mayor for Business.
- The Review of the LSDC's Impact and Effectiveness was presented, identifying strengths and gaps to inform the discussion on the LSDC's future shape and direction. It was noted that the nominal value of commissioners' pro bono contribution was an underestimate and should be revised upwards.

Agreed:

- The LSDC will send a private letter to the Mayor, congratulating him on his re-election. The content will be influenced by future LSDC workstreams. It could highlight that this 4-year term is critical in the lead up to 2030 and that the implementation of the London Climate Resilience Review recommendations is vital. It could highlight the importance of social value and the SDGs throughout the Mayors policy, and link to our work in these areas.

Actions:

- Secretariat to share updated presentation slides from the meeting with commissioners.
- Secretariat to update the LSDC when a new Deputy Mayor for Environment is appointed.
- Secretariat and Ashok to draft the letter to the Mayor, with commissioners to have sight of prior to sending
- Secretariat to explore the possibility of renumeration commissioners in future, supporting more inclusive representation on the LSDC

4. Future shape and direction of the LSDC

- LSDC commissioners' terms end in November 2024. The Mayor will need to make a decision on whether to continue the Commission and its future shape and direction. He has been briefed on this by the secretariat and a decision is expected in a few weeks.
- Depending on the Mayor's decision, recruitment and reappointments will need to be agreed in the coming months. Recruitment will factor in commissioner skills and expertise needed, and ensure LSDC diversity reflects London's makeup. Potential reappointments will factor in current commissioners' length of service and contributions.
- Commissioners are not currently remunerated for their time. This could prevent some people from being able to apply to become commissioners, e.g. those representing community groups. The LSDC should explore if the GLA can remunerate some commissioners to ensure it is as inclusive as possible in future.
- Three commissioners have chosen to step down at the end of their terms: - Malini Mehra, Nick Mabey and David Elliot.

- LSDC commissioners are currently professional experts in the fields. A decision is needed on whether to also include people with lived experience of relevant issues – or if different types of input are best addressed with via dedicated forums.
- Future work topics will be developed by incoming commissioners, so it is not suitable to make detailed decisions at this stage. However, broad themes could include:
 - Resilience and extreme weather events, potentially investment and skills focused
 - Infrastructure resilience until 2100
 - Finance and skills
 - Retrofit
 - A climate-adapted city
 - Just transition
 - Energy systems and local energy networks
 - Devolution of powers and resources to local authorities
 - Young Londoners and inter-generational justice
 - Spaces – what does London look like to Londoners. Redesigning your city to cope with climate
- When selecting future topics, there is a need to establish what work is already underway by other organisations, e.g. the LCCP's work on climate adaptation, in order to avoid duplication.

Agreed:

- Should the Mayor agree to continue the LSDC, commissioners will be recruited on the basis that they will be expected to:
 - take an integrated, systems-thinking approach, looking at big-picture, large-scale, long-term solutions
 - Inform and advise the Mayor and other key decision-makers in London
 - Convene stakeholders across sectors to build momentum around sustainability goals
 - contribute to potential work programmes on a resilient, climate-ready city; the just transition; finance and devolution of powers.
- Commissioner recruitment should address the skills and diversity needs set out in the gap analysis of the LSDC Review.
- A future workstream for the LSDC could be termed as 'creating a climate-adapted city' which could encompass multiple topics, e.g. resilience and adaptation, social value, finance, heat, justice. This could look to frame challenges as opportunities for London.
- The LSDC should strengthen their relationships with a wider range of Deputy Mayors reflective of their workstreams.

5. Just Transition subgroup update

- Objective 1: Gain political buy-in for just transition principles among London's leaders
 - Update: The LSDC will Co-produce a workshop with London Councils in June to present to senior councillors on the Just Transition. The objective is to build momentum among councils to develop their own plans, embedding LSDC Just Transition principles in strategies
- Objective 2: Unlock delivery of tangible JT outcomes, supplementing our political-level engagement
 - Update: LSDC has commissioned community-led research to better understand the barriers to retrofit uptake among different types of households

Action:

- Secretariat to share rationale for the four boroughs that have been chosen as research locations.

6. Social Value subgroup update

- The latest draft of the Social Value in the London Plan report is currently under review by the Deputy Mayor for Planning, with publication expected in June.

Actions:

- Secretariat to arrange a social value subgroup meeting.
- Social value subgroup to discuss comms opportunities for the launch of the report, including target stakeholders.