Data for London Advisory Board meeting of 19 September, Summary notes

Chair: Theo Blackwell, Chief Digital Officer for London, GLA.

In attendance, guests and observers: Justin Anderson (for Erika Lewis), Rebecca Barry (for Aimee Smith), Theo Blackwell, Volker Buscher, Stuart Coleman, Jen Ding, Cosmina Dorobantu, Kate Evans, James Friend, Sophie Gray, Sarah Gold, Paul Hodgson, Paul Honeyben, Peter Kemp, Sven Latham, Simon Long, Miranda Marcus, Luke Marshall-Waterfield, Andy Mobbs, Tom Natt, Sam Nutt, Nita Parmar, Oskar Przybylski, Jay Saggar, Omid Shiraji, Jeremy Skinner, Tiffany St James, Martine Wauben, Christine Wingfield.

Background: The advisory board is composed of leading figures from the technology and data sectors, public and private sector representatives. It advises the Chief Digital Officer for London on development of the Data for London programme, supports the efforts of GLA to create data services and products and promotes collaboration.

1. ***Chair's welcome – Theo Blackwell.*** Following a welcome, the Board were asked to note previous DFLAB action notes.

2. ***Guest speakers from GLA – Using data to understand London's capacity and plan the future of the City by Peter Kemp and Simon Long, Change and Delivery team, Planning and Regeneration at the GLA.***
They shared a presentation on data planning for the future of the city, including LAND4LDN and the value it brings to help achieve GLA's housing missions. They spoke about their interaction with national Government; how they had engaged with the local planning community and leadership of London. The chair emphasised how this had been transformative, taking a vertical of local government and turning the dial significantly forward so that London is far ahead of the rest of the country.

3. ***DFL Programme update - Martine Wauben, Head of Data for London, GLA.***
Martine updated the Board on programme activity and the approach to discovering data across London. Their meetings with London boroughs to preview the data product had gained strong support and collaboration, and this focus on partnering would continue, to help onboard more data catalogues. She described how they were meeting with central government teams working on the new government's National Data Library manifesto commitment.

4. ***London Data Week - Jennifer Ding, Alan Turing Institute and Sam Nutt, LOTI.***
They updated the Board on London Data Week and next steps. The success of the week this year was due to the sheer range of organisations, over 50, were involved. There were 34 events in 23 locations included public demos, data walks, unconferences, a TV show, film screening, creating arcade games with AI, creating memes, exploring census data. This model of community activation and building more collaboration and relationships across different domains resulted in enquiries from other countries who were keen to follow London's lead with data weeks of their own. For next year they were looking at different models of delivery. Resourcing/sponsorship was challenging.

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