

London Strategic Migration Partnership (LSMP) Board: Terms of Reference

Purpose

The purpose of the London Strategic Migration Partnership (LSMP) Board is to provide system leadership on migration, asylum, and refugee issues in London.

The Board will:

- Provide cross-sectoral leadership and direction on the most important migration issues facing London.
- Help ensure the capital plays its part in meeting national humanitarian commitments and requirements, in accordance with a 'fair shares' approach.
- Scrutinise, examine and support national and London-level strategies that are relevant to migration and migrant Londoners.
- Support the development of a Place-Based Approach in the capital.
- Understand and respond to the consequences of immigration policy and legislative changes as they arise.
- Provide a point for escalation of systemic challenges identified by subgroups, advisory groups and representative groups.
- Oversee the work of LSMP and other GLA migration programmes, to ensure their effectiveness and contribution to the priorities of the Board.

Goals

LSMP Board has the following priority goals for London:

1. All systems must work effectively together to reduce migrant homelessness and to end migrant rough sleeping in London by 2030.
2. New approaches to accommodating and supporting people seeking asylum should be developed that better meet the needs of all stakeholders, including people seeking asylum themselves. In particular, London needs to be ready for new opportunities and demands that arise in the run up to the end date of the AASC and AIRE contracts in 2029.
3. Systems should be resilient and able to deal with future emergencies, such as large-scale evacuations or humanitarian routes to the UK, with appropriate strategies and protocols in place. London needs to be prepared to provide an agile response to these incidents when they occur, ensuring that newly arrived communities are supported to thrive.
4. We need to move to more sustainable and effective service provision for migrant Londoners, across immigration advice and social welfare advice, as well as other statutory and non-statutory services that support health, wellbeing and integration, and which prevent or alleviate destitution. We need a whole-system approach to strengthen civil society, local government, central government and NHS provision to

collectively meet needs, rather than considering the strength and resourcing of each sector in isolation.¹

5. Systems should work to remove and reduce risks to the wellbeing and safety of children affected by immigration restrictions and children seeking asylum (both in unaccompanied and in families), and act to provide age-appropriate care and support.
6. Skills and employment systems should break down barriers to good jobs, better health, wellbeing and social integration for migrant Londoners.
7. Systems should work to reduce the vulnerability of migrant Londoners to crime, with particular reference to modern slavery, hate crime, labour exploitation and violence against women and girls (VAWG). Work must continue to support and oversee the Metropolitan Police Service to build trust and confidence amongst all victims and survivors including migrant Londoners.

Objectives will be developed each year on the basis of these goals. LSMP Board and its subgroup, the London Place-Based Approach Oversight Group, will work towards these objectives.

The Board will be mindful of, and seek to support, both social integration² and social cohesion across all areas of focus.

The Board will take an antiracist approach, and pay attention to the intersectionality between migration, race and other protected characteristics, and how immigration policies can intersect with existing inequalities.

Membership

Chair: Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, GLA.

Secretariat: Principal Policy and Programme Officer, GLA (LSMP Manager)

Membership:

- Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, GLA
- Executive Director, Community and Skills, GLA
- Assistant Director, Communities and Social Policy, GLA
- Deputy Director, Asylum Support, , Home Office
- London Councils Lead Member for Communities

¹ This should be *in addition* to the statutory obligations required of agencies (including the Home Office and local authorities)

² Social integration is the extent to which people positively interact and connect with others who are different to themselves. It is determined by the level of equality between people, the nature of their relationships, and their degree of participation in the communities in which they live

- Chief Executives London Committee (CELC) Lead(s) on Refugees and Asylum and London's representative(s) on the national Home Office and Local Government Chief Executive Group
- Chief Executive, London Councils
- London Lead Housing Director for Asylum and Migration
- Association of London Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS) – Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children Lead
- NRPF Network
- Migration Sector Advisory Panel (MSAP) Lead Members (x4)
- Homeless Migrants Advisory Panel (HMAP) representative (x1)
- UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) representative
- OHID representative
- NHS England representative
- Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) representative
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) representative
- Department for Education (DfE) representative
- Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) representative
- Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) representative
- Immigration Advice Authority representative
- London Resilience Forum representatives (for items as necessary)
- Clearsprings Ready Homes (for items as necessary)
- Corporate Travel Management (for items as necessary)
- Migrant Help Representative (for items as necessary)