

MINUTES

Meeting: LEP London Infrastructure Group

Date: Tuesday 3 December 2013

Time: 2.00 pm

Place: Committee Room 4, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Members:

Nick Bliss
Michèle Dix
Fiona Fletcher-Smith
Victoria Hills
Sue Kershaw
Jason Millett
Chet Patel

Observers:

Craig Harrison, London & Partners
Jeremy Skinner, GLA Senior Manager - Growth & Enterprise

Guests:

Steve Allen – Transport for London (TfL) Managing Director, Finance (Item 8)
David Goldstone - TfL Chief Finance Officer (Item 8)
Lucinda Turner, TfL (Item 6)
John Dickie, London First

GLA officers:

Suzanne Moroney, Principal Policy Officer - Competitiveness and Infrastructure
Alison Murray, Growing Places Fund - Programme Manager
Tim Rettler, Senior Project Officer - Regeneration

GLA officers (Continued):

Claire Sherer, Senior Board Officer
Christian Van Der Nest, Transport Manager

1 Apologies and Chair's Announcements (Item 1)

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Jason Millet and Nick Bliss as they were attending their first meeting since being appointed to the Group. Both already participated in the Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP) Advisory Group along with Harvey McGrath, Sue Kershaw and Greg Clark.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Isabel Dedring (Co-Chair), Harvey McGrath (Co-Chair), Greg Clark, Cllr Chris Roberts, Cllr Michael White, Peter North (Observer) and Jorn Peters (Observer).

2 Declarations of Interest (Item 2)

- 2.1 There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2013 (Item 3)

3.1 DECISION:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2013 be agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4 Actions Arising (Item 4)

- 4.1 Members received an update on actions arising from previous meetings of the Working Group. Most of the actions were addresses on this agenda and the two remaining actions would be considered at the next meeting on 5 March 2014.

4.2 DECISION:

That the update on actions arising from previous meetings be noted and that the following projects would be considered at the next Infrastructure Group meeting on 5 March 2014:

- **Queens Road Roundabout, Bexley (from the 'Round 1' bids to the Growing Places Fund); and**
- **Results of the research commissioned to provide an evidence base on investment barriers to electricity infrastructure.**

5 Jobs & Growth Priorities: Implementation Update (Item 5)

- 5.1 Members received a progress update on the actions arising from the Jobs & Growth Implementation Plan and agreed to remove the following actions:
- Action 44: Work with other stakeholders to understand the operation of infrastructure regimes and scope for improvement; and
 - Action 45: Promote London's expertise in delivering infrastructure projects globally.
- 5.2 Members agreed this amendment on the condition that the actions remained part of the Implementation Plan activities within Action 40 (to 'Develop an understanding of the overall costs and funding of London's existing and new infrastructure requirements, and their implications, including user charges, investment options, and efficiencies required').

5.3 DECISIONS:

- a) That the updates to the Jobs & Growth Implementation Plan since 12 September 2013 be noted; and**
- b) That Actions 44 and 45 be merged into the 'activities' section for Action 40.**

6 Long Term Infrastructure Investment Plan - Update (Item 6)

- 6.1 Members received a presentation which set out the objectives and scope for the Long Term Infrastructure Investment Plan for London along with projected population & employment growth and emerging findings in relation to key areas such as utilities, transport and housing. This was complemented by a presentation from TfL on their transport work-stream during the lifetime of the Plan (up to 2050).
- 6.2 Members welcomed the independent evidence based approach (recognising that some information was survey based) to developing the Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP) including projections on population growth and distribution and how the IIP might reflect new growth areas and key infrastructure changes such as aviation requirements. It was noted that the Plan could incorporate some specific information on planning barriers that might deter global investors.
- 6.3 In response to a question, Members were advised that GLA officers had completed some comparison work on Infrastructure Investment Plans for other major cities but that London's Plan would go much further, especially around costings and funding streams.
- 6.4 Members were reminded that an engagement event was being held at City Hall on 16 December 2013 to present emerging findings and test propositions and that they were welcome to attend. Further stakeholder engagement work would also be done in early 2014. Members noted that, as well as agreeing draft recommendations, it would be useful to use these events to seek solutions to identified problems as well as focusing on newer infrastructure needs such as superfast broadband.

6.5 It was noted that an interim report (acting as a consultation document) would be published in spring 2014 with the final report being published in summer 2014.

6.6 DECISIONS:

a) That plans to publish an interim report in early spring 2014 setting out initial thoughts on London's high level infrastructure requirements, the likely magnitude of cost involved and how it might be paid for, be noted; and

b) It be noted that emerging issues would be further refined through continued internal analysis and external input.

7 Growing Places Fund: Southall [Reserved from publication] (Item 7)

7.1 Members were advised of some proposed changes to the Southall project which had originally been endorsed for £6.8m Growing Places Funding (GPF) by the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) at its meeting on 4 June 2013.

7.2 Further detail in relation to consideration of this item is set out in a private version of the minutes.

7.3 DECISION:

That the recommendations as outlined in the report be endorsed for onward approval by the London Enterprise Panel (LEP).

8 Transport for London (TfL) Draft Business Plan (Item 8)

8.1 Transport for London's Managing Director for Finance presented the TfL Business plan which would be published the following day. He advised Members that the Plan had been fully revised the previous year and continued to be refreshed on an annual basis as necessary.

8.2 DECISION:

That the presentation on the Transport for London (TfL) Draft Business Plan be noted.

9 TfL: Transport investment facilitating growth and regeneration [Reserved from publication] (Item 9)

9.1 Members received an update on the Transport for London (TfL) Growth Fund.

9.2 Further detail in relation to consideration of this item is set out in a private version of the minutes.

9.3 DECISION:

That the update on the Transport for London (TfL) Growth Fund be noted.

10 TfL forecasts [Reserved from publication] (Item 10)

10.1 Members received an update on Transport for London (TfL) forecasts.

10.2 Further detail in relation to consideration of this item is set out in a private version of the minutes.

10.3 DECISION:

That the update on Transport for London (TfL) forecasts be noted.

11 European Structural Funds 2014-20 (Item 11)

11.1 Members were updated on progress made in developing the draft European Structural Investment Fund (ESIF) Strategy as discussed at the last meeting. The Government had now provided comments on the draft strategy which had been generally well received and the final strategy would be considered by the LEP on 7 January 2014 ahead of the final submission to Government on 31 January 2014.

11.2 DECISION:

That the European Structural Funds 2014-20 update be noted.

12 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 12)

12.1 There was no other business.

13 Date of Next Meeting (Item 13)

13.1 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 10.00 am on 5 March 2014 in Committee Room 4 at City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA.

14 Close of Meeting (Item 14)

14.1 The meeting closed at 4.30 pm.

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