

# MINUTES

**Meeting: LEP London Infrastructure Group**

**Date: Thursday 12 September 2013**

**Time: 3.00 pm**

**Place: Committee room 3, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

**Members:**

Harvey McGrath (Co-Chair)  
Greg Clark  
Michèle Dix  
Fiona Fletcher-Smith  
Victoria Hills  
Cllr Chris Roberts  
Cllr Michael White

**Observers:**

Dianna Neal, London Councils  
Peter North, GLA Senior Manager - Programme Delivery (Sustainable Energy)  
Jeremy Skinner, GLA Senior Manager - Projects and Policy

**By invitation:**

Andy Brown, Transport for London (TfL) (Item 6)  
John Dickie, London First  
Daniel Moylan, Board Member - TfL (Item 6)

**GLA officers:**

Alex Conway, European Programmes Director  
David Gallie, Assistant Director - Group Finance  
Debbie Jackson, Assistant Director - Regeneration  
Margaret Kalaugher, Principal Policy Officer- Transport

**GLA officers (continued):**

Alison Murray, Programme Manager - Growing Places Fund

Suzanne Moroney, Principal Policy Officer - Competitiveness and Infrastructure

Claire Sherer, Senior Board Officer

Madalina Ursu, Senior Policy Officer - Economic & Business Enterprise

**1 Apologies (Item 1)**

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Isabel Dedring (Co-Chair), Chet Patel, Sue Kershaw, Craig Harrison (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 5 June 2013 (Item 3)**

**3.1 DECISION:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2013 be agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.**

**4 Actions Arising (Item 4)**

- 4.1 Members were advised that most of the outstanding actions would be addressed at the next meeting and that further to the update on electricity infrastructure (at Appendix 1 of the report), funding had now been agreed and the research to provide an evidence base for the strategic barriers to investment would be put out for tender in October 2013.

**4.2 DECISION:**

**That the update on actions arising from previous meetings be noted.**

**5 Update on the London Enterprise Panel membership (Item 5)**

- 5.1 Members were advised that at the last meeting of the London Enterprise Panel (LEP), the Mayor of London had announced that he would be taking the chair from the 2 October 2013 meeting onwards. The current co-Chairs would become Deputy Chairs.
- 5.2 At the same time, the remit of the LEP would be widened in order to bring together the key levers of growth by incorporating strategic oversight of London's plans for housing, transport, the Olympic legacy and East London convergence.
- 5.3 To support this widened role he would also be appointing the Commissioner of Transport for London, the Deputy Mayors for Housing, Land & Property and Transport, the Deputy Chair of

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the London Legacy Development Corporation, the Mayor's Chief of Staff and a representative from a major London's University (to be nominated by the Mayor). The Chair of London Councils would be invited to attend meetings as a non-voting observer.

**5.4 DECISION:**

**That the update be noted.**

**6 A new hub airport for London and the UK (Item 6)**

6.1 The Chair welcomed Daniel Moylan to the meeting and invited him to give an overview of his current thinking around a new hub airport for London and the UK.

6.2 In conclusion, Mr Moylan said that that case for a large hub airport was compelling but that it could not be delivered at Heathrow given the constraints of the site and the impact on local residents. He remained convinced that a new hub to the East of London was the most viable option, especially given the economic boost to the area.

6.3 Given the complexity of the subject, Members asked a number of questions relating to the options, noting that:

- the matter would be discussed by the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) meeting at a later stage;
- comprehensive evidence to support an East London hub airport would be published by Transport for London (TfL) on 27 September 2013; and
- The independent Airports Commission (responsible for examining the need for additional UK airport capacity and recommending to government how this can be met in the short, medium and long term) would be:
  - submitting a report to the government by the end of 2013, identifying and recommending options for maintaining the UK's status as an international hub for aviation and immediate actions to improve the use of existing runway capacity in the next 5 years; and
  - submitting a final report to the government by summer 2015 assessing the environmental, economic and social costs and benefits of various solutions to increase airport capacity - considering operational, commercial and technical viability.

6.4 Following these further developments, the Group would be in a better position to decide on a view regarding future aviation needs.

**6.5 DECISION:**

**That the presentation be noted.**

**7 Jobs & Growth Implementation Plan Update (Item 7)**

7.1 Members considered the Implementation Plan, noting that it might be better to group a number of the actions under the Infrastructure Plan for future meeting discussions.

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7.2 Noting that the Plan was in the early stages of development, the Chair requested that more detail be included for consideration at the next meeting in support of better public oversight of the work being done to deliver the Jobs and Growth Plan.

**7.3 DECISIONS**

**a) That the Implementation Plan be noted; and**

**b) That officers develop the Plan in more detail before consideration at the next meeting.**

**a) Update on Growing Places Fund (GPF) - Round 2 proposals (Item 7a)**

7.4 Members received an overview of work to date in relation to the 32 bids received as part of the Growing Places Fund (GPF) Round 2 bidding process held between May and June 2013, noting that the overall approach had been endorsed by the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) at its 24 July 2013 meeting and that the LEP would make further recommendations on 2 October 2013.

7.5 Members were keen to be updated on the infrastructure projects in 'category 2' ('develop further/ seek alternative funding') especially those which Members felt may have a strategic fit with the LEP's jobs and growth agenda.

7.6 In response to a question, officers confirmed that projects were prioritised against a range of criteria including repayment, which enabled the evaluation team to take a balanced approach and weigh up repayment against other outcomes. The Chair requested that this 'portfolio' approach be made explicit for the London Enterprise Panel when it makes its final decision on 2 October 2013 and advised the Group that he would consult some Panel Members on their views ahead of the meeting.

**7.7 DECISIONS:**

**a) That the summary of the bidding process thus far be noted;**

**b) That the approach taken to developing three categories of projects ('reject', 'develop further/ seek alternative funding' and 'preferred bids') at this stage be noted;**

**c) That the decisions taken by the London Enterprise Panel at the meeting of 24 July be noted; and**

**d) That the approach taken to assessing the individual bids in relation to the outcomes and repayment proposals should be made explicit for the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) when it takes its final decision on the bids at its 2 October 2013 meeting.**

**b) Long Term Infrastructure Investment Plan - Update (Item 7b)**

7.8 Members were given a comprehensive update on work to date regarding the development of a long term Infrastructure Investment Plan and recommended that:

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- the scope and governance arrangements be agreed as soon as possible to provide a strong starting position;
- the Plan should be a high-level strategy focused on investment needs;
- it be designed to link with the Mayor's London Plan and Economic Development Strategy (with a refresh of those documents as necessary);
- further thought be given to any outputs and measures;
- any assumptions made (e.g. population and economic forecasts or travel / behavioural patterns) should be explicitly identified;
- the geography should be defined as the Plan will reach further than the boundaries of London;
- options for river-crossings and bridges should be included; and
- attention be paid to how the Plan might support any climate change targets.

7.9 Members were thanked for their views which would be conveyed to the Mayor's Chief of Staff as Chair of the GLA's Investment & Performance Board which would be over-seeing progress. Given the centrality of this work to the remit of the LIG, Members were keen to stay involved in the development of the Plan and requested clarification of the governance arrangements, in particular the basis for informing and engaging the LIG. Suggestions included a monthly email update, and Members were invited to feed any views in after the meeting.

**7.10 DECISIONS:**

- a) That work to date on the long term Infrastructure Investment Plan be noted;**
- b) That the Group's views on the emerging proposals for producing the Plan (as set out above) be conveyed to the Mayor's Chief of Staff; and**
- c) That a diagram showing the governance arrangements be circulated to Members as soon as possible and a monthly report on progress be issued between the quarterly Group meetings.**

**8 Transport for London (TfL) Growth Fund - Update (Item 8)**

8.1 Members were advised that an update on the Transport for London (TfL) Growth Fund would instead be provided at the next meeting to allow further analysis of the work to date.

**8.2 DECISION:**

**That the Transport for London (TfL) Growth Fund update be deferred until the next meeting of the Infrastructure Group.**

**9 Presentation on EU Structural and Investment Funds 2014 to 2020 (Item 9)**

9.1 Members received a presentation on requirements to deliver a draft strategy on EU Structural and Investment Funds 2014 - 2020 to Government by 7 October 2013 with the final strategy due in January 2014. The LEP would be considering the draft strategy at its meeting on 2

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October 2013 and Working Group Members would be given an opportunity to make comments at this point.

- 9.2 Greg Clark advised the Group that he was the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) representative on the current London 2007-13 ERDF and ESF Programme Monitoring Committees; and in response to proposals for a possible visit to the European Commission in Brussels, he instead suggested that it might be more useful to visit a successful London-based EU-funded project.

**9.3 DECISION:**

**That the presentation on EU Structural and Investment Funds 2014 to 2020 be noted.**

**10 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 10)**

- 10.1 There was no other business.

**11 Date of Next Meeting (Item 11)**

- 11.1 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 2.00 - 4.00pm on 3 December 2013 at City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA.

**12 Close of Meeting (Item 12)**

- 12.1 The meeting closed at 5.15pm.

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