

London Infrastructure Group

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Title of paper: **Jobs & Growth Implementation Plan**

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1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 Members are asked to note this quarterly update on the actions arising from the London Enterprise Panel's Jobs & Growth Plan which are relevant to the Infrastructure Group (see Appendix A).
- 1.2 This report also asks Members to agreed changes to the Implementation Plan, namely the merging of two of the existing actions (No. 44 and 45) into Action No.40.

2 Recommendations

That the Group:

- a) Notes the updates to the Jobs & Growth Implementation Plan since 12 September 2013 and provides any comments; and
- b) Agrees that Actions 45 and 46 are merged into the activities for Action 40.

3 Introduction and Background

- 3.1 Following the publication of the Jobs & Growth Plan for London in April 2013 an Implementation Plan was drawn up to track progress in actioning the 49 recommendations identified in the plan. This Implementation Plan is divided into the LEP's four priority areas (Skills & Employment, Micro/SMEs, Infrastructure and DCST) and progress is reported to the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) on a quarterly basis.
- 3.2 Of the 49 actions, 8 (No. 39 – 46) were initially within the remit of the Infrastructure Group but this report proposes that this is reduced to a total of 6 actions as 2 of the actions have been identified as falling directly within the activity areas for another existing action (No. 40).

4 Issues for consideration

- 4.1 The Group are asked to consider the updates at Appendix A. Further verbal updates will be provided during the meeting on which GLA officers will seek feedback and guidance.

- 4.2 This report also proposes to delete **Actions 44 and 45** as these are captured within the activities related to the Long Term Infrastructure Investment Plan (**Action 40**) as they are work-streams that input directly into the project.

Existing actions (to be deleted)	Actions 44 and 45 will now fall under the activities for existing Action 40:
Action 44: Work with other stakeholders to understand the operation of infrastructure regimes and scope for improvement.	Action 40: 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. (See Appendix A for the activity list)
Action 45: Promote London’s expertise in delivering infrastructure projects globally.	

- 4.3 A comprehensive update on the emerging Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP) is included separately at Item 6 on this agenda.

5 Risks arising / mitigation

- 5.1 There are risks arising from non-delivery of the Jobs and Growth Plan recommendations but this tracking tool aims to give both Members and Officers oversight of the actions and progress made. Members are invited to give their views on specific risks and mitigations which can then feed in to the process.
- 5.2 One activity has a red ‘RAG’ rating. This fall under the priority action to assist with the Mayor’s objective of generating at least 25% of London’s energy needs by 2025. The Mayor’s development support for the implementation of large-scale decentralised energy projects is carried out through the Decentralised Energy Project Delivery Unit (DEPDU). The Mayors funds 10% of the DEPDU. The three year programme finishes on 31 July 2014 and plans for an unfunded successor programme are being developed.

6 Financial comments of the Executive Director Resources

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations outlined in this report at this stage.

7 Next steps

- 7.1 The Group’s comments will be incorporated into the Implementation Plan and on-going work on the activities.

Appendices:

- Appendix A – LIG Implementation Plan (as extracted from the over-arching LEP Implementation Plan)

Background Documents:

- Jobs and Growth Plan for London (Published April 2013)
<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/business-economy/publications/london-enterprise-panel-publishes-its-job-and-growth-plan-for>