London Surface Water Strategic Group

Thursday 8 December 2022, 10am-12pm

London Councils/Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Attendees

Members

Representatives from:

- Environment Agency
- Thames Water
- Transport for London
- London Fire Brigade
- Greater London Authority
- London Councils
- London Borough of Harrow, Ealing, Richmond Upon Thames and Hackney.
- Independent Members

Observers and members of the London Surface Water Officers Group

Representatives from:

- Environment Agency
- Thames Water
- Transport for London
- London Fire Brigade
- Greater London Authority
- Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
- London Councils
- London Resilience Group

Meeting Items

1 Welcome and Introductions (Item No. 1)

The interim co-chairs marked the meeting as a significant moment and acknowledged the work required to get to this stage. This work has brought together a diverse stakeholder group including local and national government as well as private sector.

It was also acknowledged that significant efforts are needed to deliver a strategy, and it was recognised that there is a need for long-term action, as well as it being important to deliver in the short term.

2 Presentation: Background, Summary of Work to Date, Planned Work, and the Role of the Strategic Group (Item No. 2)

Members took note of the presentation.

3 Agreement of Terms of Reference (Item No. 3)

The Terms of Reference was agreed in principle subject to minor amendments. It was agreed that quarterly meetings are sufficiently frequent, subject to progress being continually made and agreement reached.

4 Agreement of Resourcing (Item No. 4)

Members agreed the recruitment of a Secretariat, Project Officer and an Independent Chair.

5 Agreement of Strategy Scoping Document (Item No. 5)

Members agreed the strategy scoping document in principle subject to amendments.

Forward Look (Item No. 6)

- London Councils should confirm the next meeting dates as soon as possible.
- Officers' Group to produce a paper on delegations.
- Officers' Group to provide an update on resourcing and procurement.
- Officers' Group to provide an ongoing actions paper.

6 Any Other Business (Item No. 6)

No other business was raised.

7 Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.