

Full Commission Meeting

Meeting: 5th July 2022 14:00 – 17:00 | Online

Attendance

LSDC	Secretariat and GLA
Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashok Sinha – Chair (AS) Richard Templer (RT) Charlie Wood (CW) Malini Mehra (MM) Syed Ahmed (SA) David Elliott (DE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nusrat Yousuf (NY) Jon Emmett (JE) Emma Carroll (EC)
Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Jo Blackman Maria Adebawale-Schwarte Dimitri Zenghelis (DZ) Nick Mabey (NM) Paul Toyne (PT) Leonie Cooper (LC) 	External guests None

1. Introduction and welcome

NOTED

- Welcome from the Chair.
- Minutes from the previous meeting agreed.
- Cllr Jo Blackman will join as a commissioner, replacing Cllr Rowena Champion to represent London Councils.

2. Just transition

NOTED

- The just transition (JT) is rising up the political / public agenda, and arose often during London Climate Action Week events.
- A proposed LS DC work programme was presented as per the paper. Objectives:
 - establish key JT principles
 - explore the impact on communities of zero-carbon pathways;
 - what governance and decision-making levers are required;
 - participation and community voice in decision-making (how people can influence the agenda and challenge decision-makers e.g. to go faster).
 - bring together organisations on what's missing.
- This will build on the LS DC's recently published [JT Conference report](#), which sets out the LS DC's initial position and key governance and political challenges.
- Existing work underway: GLA officers will look to engage London Councils to embed community participation and cost of living issues into their climate emergency plans, and review opportunities to embed equalities in the Mayor's net zero pathway.

Hackney and Croydon Councils both delivered JT work in 2021, which should be included in our research.

- Although many organisations (including the Mayor and boroughs) have committed to net zero, there are no comprehensive plans to fully deliver; targets and policies don't always align; and there is no mechanism to measure overall progress to net zero. Achieving a *just* transition relies on delivering net zero in the first place.

AGREED:

- The LS DC will produce a high-level report to be presented to the Mayor identifying key principles and making recommendations on ensuring community participation and decision-making levers deliver a JT.
- Recommendations should be high-level but tangible to catalyse practical action (as per the Scottish JT Commission), and include political framing (e.g. devolution of powers and funding, and the need for national government to unleash local climate ambition).
- The report will use a light-touch enquiry process to engage with experts via roundtables, similar to the process used by the LS DC Green Finance work and the Scottish JT Commission. This will be written up and reviewed by the LS DC and Shirley.
- The timetable in the paper will be revised to factor in the summer period and approval process, as well as longer-term strands: phase 2 of the work to catalyse take-up of the recommendations, leveraging LCAW, and feeding into the London Plan.

ACTIONS

Action owner	Action	Sec lead
JE	Develop revised action plan and timetable to be discussed for JT subgroup meeting on 7 th July.	
EC	Invite deputy mayors to future meetings to drive further political engagement.	

3. Social value

NOTED

- The Social Value report recommendations were presented, which focus on three main areas; community engagement, access to data to support decision making and changes to planning policy at London wide level.
- The Social Value sub-group met on June 17th 2022 to agree the work programme to be taken forward over the coming year. These were summarised as per the supporting paper. The sub-group will look to focus on:
 - Embedding monitoring of social value into the annual monitoring of the London Plan and future London Plans
 - Comms activity to mainstream the recommendations within the recommend and share best practice resources with London boroughs
- The report is due to be published soon. The Mayor is expected to write to the LS DC responding to the report and its recommendations.
- There is a need to build on synergies between the Social Value and Just Transition work programmes.

AGREED:

- To develop a plan to disseminate the report and its findings, with all Commissioners to promote it report among relevant networks.

ACTIONS

Action owner	Action	Sec lead
EC	To share the final Social Value Report and Playbook to all Commissioners	EC
EC	To develop a comms dissemination plan for the report	EC

4. London Climate Action Week (LCAW)

NOTED

- The Chair thanked all commissioners involved in this year's LCAW event and remarked on the benefit of in-person events with opportunities for networking.
- The dates for next year's LCAW are 24th June – 2nd July 2023. It was suggested this should strengthen engagement with communities as well as groups such as Future of London and London First.
- The LS DC will look to host an event and begin planning at the December LS DC meeting.

ACTIONS

Action owner	Action	Sec lead
EC	Table an LCAW item at the December Full Commission meeting to explore key themes to propose to LCAW event organisers and workshop ideas for an LS DC event.	EC

5. Women in Cleantech (WiCT)

NOTED:

- It was noted that it has been challenging to engage subgroup members to take the work forwards, with a key barrier being the voluntary nature of the group of whom many are extremely busy.
- It was also noted that for this work to be taken forward there needs to be significant investment, both in terms of time and money.

AGREED:

- A WiCT subgroup meeting will take place in August to explore how this work can both be embedded into the work of the GLA and the Centre for Cleantech Innovation.

Action owner	Action	Sec lead
EC	Set up a WiCT subgroup meeting	EC
EC	To develop a WiCT subgroup proposal paper, outlining options moving forward	EC

Next Full Commission meeting: 23rd September 2022 14:00 – 17:00