

Full Commission Meeting

Meeting: 13th December 2022 14:00 – 17:00 |
Grimshaw London offices and online

Attendees

Commissioners

Ashok Sinha (Chair)
Syed Ahmed (SA)
Paul Toyne (PT)
David Elliot (DE)
Richard Templer (RT)
Maria Adebawale-Schwarte (MAS)
Jo Blackman (JB)
Dimitri Zenghelis (DZ)
Nick Mabey (NM)
Leonie Cooper (LC)

Secretariat

Jon Emmett
Emma Carroll

Guests

Andy Thomas (Managing Partner, Grimshaw London)

Apologies:

Charlie Wood, Nusrat Yousuf

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Presentation on Grimshaw Global

- Andy Thomas (Managing Partner, Grimshaw London) and Paul Toyne presented an overview of Grimshaw Architects' work on sustainability in the built environment.
- This includes infrastructure development in London and developing tools for systems-thinking to tackle sustainability issues – using regenerative design to drive net-positive impacts on climate change, biodiversity and wellbeing.

3. Reflections on the LSDC meeting on 'Connection and Collaboration' (5th December)

- SA presented an overview of commissioner participation in the Green New Deal (GND) Expert Advisory Group. Commissioners requested more opportunity to input to the GND's agenda.
- Further consideration is needed on how LSDC can engage with the new London Partnership Board, and how the commission can add value.
- The GLA and London Councils / boroughs have collaborated on the Recovery Programme Missions (including GND) and elsewhere, but more could be done to ensure we're joined up.
- Suggestion to engage with other cities' counterparts to the LSDC to explore a shared approach on key issues.
- London's competitiveness and position in the world are challenged – many small businesses are leaving London and the UK. How can London support other cities?
- Commissioners requested an update on what the Recovery Missions are delivering, and how they are performing on the SDGs.

ACTIONS:

- AS: draft a proposal with DZ on how to engage with the London Partnership Board, to be brought to the January LSDC meeting.
- JE: update next LSDC meeting on how the recovery missions have embedded / delivered the SDGs.

4. Comms planning

- A draft comms plan has been produced to disseminate the LSDC's activities over the next year, allocating work to the newly commissioned comms agency.
- This could comment on where recommendations from earlier LSDC reports have / haven't yet been actioned by stakeholders; make publicly critical statements with solutions; thought leadership either in the press or with specific stakeholders.
- Due to limited time on the agenda, this will be discussed in detail at the next Exec meeting in 2023.

ACTIONS:

- JE and EC: Assess the extent to which previous LSDC recommendations have been implemented by stakeholders in order to inform the comms programme.

5. London Climate Action Week

- LCAW 2022 was a mix of online and in-person events. There was a focus on hosting several African events. It communicated LCAW branding globally, but to do this more effectively it needs more physical and in-person engagement and branding to build a sense of community.
- LCAW will next take place in July 2023. Its aims are:
 - Reach more Londoners – through physical branding and by hosting in a physical hub with clearer space for journalists and run debate.
 - Ask the Mayor to set up a London Climate Cluster Taskforce to support London's leading position on climate change.
 - Seek businesses to host more events and make the point that London has 350,000 people working on climate change.
 - Law: where is global financial reform?
- Events registration opens in May 2023, closes early June.
- Resourcing: Bridge house has offered £150k. Seeking £200k of further donations in multiples of £10-20k. LCAW Secretariat will be hosted by a separate entity – it won't be subsidised as much by E3G.
- Ask of LSDC: tell the story of what London needs to do. Bring the UK network together and explore London's role (links with the Mayor's global C40 role). Don't do a standalone event – make it part of boosting a work programme.
- MAS and PT are both members of global sustainable culture networks and could contribute. JB could facilitate a discussion with the TEC Exec to explore / align with their priorities.

ACTIONS:

Subgroup chairs: consider options for an LCAW event in July 2023 related to current or previous workstreams.

6. Social value programme update:

AGREED:

- The proposed work programme will focus on embedding Social Value into the London Plan, engaging planning specialists to translate the LSDC's recommendations into planning language in order to land and be implemented effectively.
- Although the London Plan will be the main focus of the programme and budget, work to engage the boroughs will continue through comms and MAS' ongoing work outside the LSDC on placemaking.

ACTIONS:

- EC: take forward the work programme as agreed including commissioning consultants.

7. Just Transition programme update:

NOTED

- Progress has been made with gathering expert evidence despite setbacks to the timetable. This will be compiled into an advice report to the Mayor to be published in early 2023.

AGREED:

- A proposal was agreed to spend the programme budget on mapping work to understand London's most impacted communities and engaging policy experts to give practical / technical advice on how to implement the LSDC's high-level recommendations.

ACTIONS:

- JE: take forward the work programme as agreed including commissioning consultants.
- JE: Arrange subgroup meeting as early as possible to firm up details on the programme.