

Full Commission Meeting

Meeting: 22nd September 2022 14:00 - 17:00 | The Royal Institution of Great Britain, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1S 4BS

Attendance

LSDC	Secretariat and GLA
Present:	 Nusrat Yousuf (NY) Jon Emmett (JE) Emma Carroll (EC)
Dimitri Zenghelis (DZ)	External guests
Nick Mabey (NM)Paul Toyne (PT)Leonie Cooper (LC)Cllr Jo Blackman	Nick Godfrey (Senior Advisor and Visiting Fellow, Grantham Research Institute)
Apologies:	
• NA	

1. Introduction and welcome

NOTED

- Welcome from the Chair.
- Cllr Jo Blackman, a new LSDC Commissioner and London Councils representative introduced herself to the group. Cllr Blackman represents Redbridge Council as Cabinet Member for Civic Pride and Communities. She is passionate about environmental issues.
- Commissioners requested space for structured intelligence sharing at the December LSDC meeting to inform the Commission's work.
- Commissioners requested an update on the GLA's work on Green Finance, linked to the LSDC's previous work programme.
- A tour was provided of the Royal Institution and Centre for Climate Change Innovation, an incubator for clean tech startups which the LSDC's cleantech work previously helped develop.

ACTIONS

Action	Action	Sec lead
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EC	Invite Natan Doron (Senior Mayoral Advisor) to December	
	LSDC meeting	
EC	December LSDC meeting will provide an opportunity to share	EC
	updates among Commissioners	
JE	Diarise Green Finance meeting with SA and GLA Climate	JE
	Team	

2. Work Programme Update - Social value

NOTED:

- The LSDC's Social Value Report has been published online alongside the Playbook, a collection of best practice case studies. Both have received positive feedback from stakeholders across the built environment and within the GLA.
- The key recommendations of the report focus on community engagement (people to be more deeply involved in the planning process); data (to support decision making; and planning policy.
- The Social Value subgroup met in June 2022, to discuss and develop a social value work programme. A decision was taken to focus on the Annual Monitoring of the London Plan.
- The subgroup has a live 'call for evidence' across built environment stakeholders to inform metrics for measuring social value through the annual monitoring of the London Plan.
- JB highlighted the importance of socialising the Social Value Report & Playbook with London Borough, which through her role at London Councils and networks she could support.
- The membership of the subgroup has reduced since the work began and there is a need to refresh the membership. PT would be keen to join.

ACTIONS

Action owner	Action	Sec lead
EC	To share details on the report with Cllr Jo Blackman and work together to socialise with London Borough networks	EC
EC	 To invite Paul Toyne to future Social Value subgroup meetings 	EC

3. Work Programme Update – Women in Cleantech (WiCT)

NOTED:

- The WiCT subgroup has recently met with the GLA, the female investor community, WISE and the CCCI.
- Following the development of a work programme options paper, the group has agreed to focus activity on reinvigorating the WiCT network and developing a training offer to support this.

- The CCCI have agreed to work with the GLA to mainstream this work, allocating 0.2 FTE (1 day per week) to support this.
- Regarding the WiCT network, the Commissioners highlighted the importance of developing a network in which the women involved feel a sense of ownership and can take this forward.

AGREED:

- The LSDC WiCT programme budget will support network development and delivery of training workshops for members.
- The LSDC will wind down its WiCT programme once its recommendations have been embedded in the work of the CCCI.

ACTIONS:

Action owner	Action	Sec lead
EC	The LSDC secretariat will work with the CCCI to deliver WiCT network development and training	EC

4. Presentation from Nick Godfrey (Grantham Institute)

- The Commission received a presentation from Nick Godfrey (Senior Research Fellow, Grantham Institute) on 'investing in cities to support the transition to a sustainable, inclusive and resilient economy'. The presentation highlighted:
 - o The importance of cities delivering a just transition.
 - Investment in net-zero cities has the potential to create a significant number of 'green' jobs, where it is supported by investment and political will.
 - compacted, clean and connected cities with 'liveable density' can help secure prosperity, better living standards and a reduction in carbon emissions, while being highly attractive to investment.
 - A comparison of Barcelona and Atlanta shows that similar sized cities have very different carbon emissions as Atlanta is sprawling whereas Barcelona is compact.
- In terms of application to London, NG argued the need for:
 - Working together with national government to become a net-zero city
 - Championing the protection of the green built
 - o Recognising the importance of innovation
 - Investing in 'green finance' London to become an exemplar of a 'netzero' finance city
 - Recognising the role of communities to engage in the decision-making process

ACTIONS:

Action owner	Action	Sec lead
JE	 To connect Nick Godfrey into the LSDC's work on the Just Transition 	JE

5. Work Programme Update – Just Transition

NOTED:

- The LSDC has published a short report of the findings from their conference on the Just Transition, which was held in January.
- The LSDC will produce a report making recommendations for how the Mayor can deliver a just transition in London. This will address the political levers and governance required, as well as other issues raised by the conference.
- A roundtable in being planned to gather insight from stakeholders to inform the report. In addition, Andy Haldane (Chair of the UK Levelling Up Taskforce) and Prof Jim Skea (Chair of the Scottish Just Transition Commission) are providing input to the work.
- The Just Transition subgroup will develop a project plan to deliver the objectives and outputs above. Budget and secretariat capacity has been allocated to support this work programme.

Action	Action	Sec lead
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JT subgoup	Develop a project plan for the new Just Transition	JE
	programme	

6. LSDC Comms Planning

NOTED:

- The LSDC have appointed Social Communications as the LSDC's new communications agency. They will provide media monitoring, comms support, and help deliver events.
- The LSDC will work the agency to better tell the story of sustainability in London and disseminate key messages from the LSDC's work.
- Future LSDC comms could include producing short engaging videos. Further work is needed to define key audiences and how information is packaged.
- Subgroup chairs will lead the development of comms plans for their respective work programmes.

AGREED:

 The next LSDC meeting will hold a session on comms, with input from each subgroup chair.

ACTION:

Action owner	Action	Sec lead
EC	Schedule comms planning session	EC

7. AOB

NOTED:

• CW invited commissioners to share the Thames Estuary Consultation among their networks.

ACTIONS:

Action owner	Action	Sec lead
EC	Charlie Wood to share information on the Thames Estuary Consultation, with EC to promote this via @LondonSDC	EC

Next Full Commission meeting: 13th December 2022 14:00 – 17:00