

MDA No.: 1644

Title: Future of the London Sustainable Development Commission

1. Executive Summary

1.1 At the Environment Committee meeting on 19 September 2024 the Committee resolved:

That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the discussion and to write to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy to request a decision regarding the continuation of the London Sustainable Development Commission (LSDC).

1.2 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members, the Chair is asked to agree the Committee's letter to the Mayor, as attached at **Appendix 1**.

2. Decision

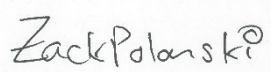
2.1 **That the Environment Committee's letter on the Future of the London Sustainable Development Commission be agreed.**

Assembly Member

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in the proposed decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Printed Name:

Zack Polanski AM, Chair of the Environment Committee

Date:

4 October 2024

3. Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Background and proposed next steps:

- 3.1 The exercise of delegated authority agreeing the Committee's letter will be formally noted at the Committee's next appropriate meeting.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision:

Signature (Committee Services): *Sal Fazal*

Printed Name: Saleha Fazal, Committee Officer

Date: 3 October 2024

Financial Implications: NOT REQUIRED

Note: Finance comments and signature are required only where there are financial implications arising or the potential for financial implications.

Signature (Finance): Not Required

Legal Implications:

The Chair of the Environment Committee has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signature (Legal): 

Printed Name: Rory McKenna

Date: 7/10/2024

Email: rory.mckenna@london.gov.uk

Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:

- Leonie Cooper AM, Deputy Chair;
- Keith Prince AM; and
- Gareth Roberts AM.

4. Public Access to Information

- 4.1 Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the FoIA, or the EIR and will be made available on the GLA Website, usually within one working day of approval.
- 4.2 If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision (for example, to complete a procurement process), it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.
- 4.3 **Note:** this form (Part 1) will either be published within one working day after it has been approved or on the defer date.

Part 1 - Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? **NO**

If yes, until what date:

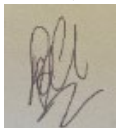
Part 2 – Sensitive Information:

Only the facts or advice that would be exempt from disclosure under FoIA or EIR should be included in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form? **NO**

Lead Officer / Author

Signature:



Printed Name: Richard Clarke

Job Title: Senior Policy Adviser

Date: 3 October 2024

Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature:



Printed Name: Helen Ewen, Executive Director, Assembly Secretariat

Date: 7 October 2024



Zack Polanski AM

Chair of the Environment Committee

Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

(Sent by e-mail)

Future of the London Sustainable Development Commission

1 October 2024

Dear Sadiq,

I am writing on behalf of the London Assembly Environment Committee to ask for an update on the future of the London Sustainable Development Commission (LSDC).

For more than two decades since its establishment in 2002, the LSDC has provided advice to the Mayor of London around how to make London a 'sustainable world city'.

The London Assembly has always been represented on the LSDC by a Mayoral nominee. At the Environment Committee's meeting on 19 September 2024, as part of its investigation into 'Building Action on Net Zero', the Committee heard from the current Chair of the LSDC Dr Ashok Sinha. Dr Sinha told the Committee that no decision had been communicated to Commissioners around the future of LSDC and whether Commissioners' terms will be renewed after November 2024.

Given the pressing challenges of achieving Net Zero in London by 2030, we feel that it is important that there is continuity of expertise in providing advice and addressing this challenge. While we recognise that it is prudent to review governance arrangements at the start of a Mayoral term, the Committee requests that you take a decision on the future role and responsibilities of the LSDC swiftly and communicate that to the Commissioners and the Committee ahead of the end of the Commissioners' terms.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zack Polanski". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style. The letters are connected, and there is a small loop at the end of the "i". The signature is set against a light gray background.

Zack Polanski AM
Chair of the Environment Committee