

Mayor's London Infrastructure Group Minutes

6th October 2021

Attendees

Stuart Ledger, Affinity Water
 James Harrison, Cadent Gas
 Graeme Oxby, Community Fibre
 Charlie Wood, Environment Agency
 John Loveday, Infrastructure & Projects Authority
 Lawrence Summers, Morrisons Water Service
 James Heath, National Infrastructure Commission
 Kim Mears, Openreach
 Nicolas Parea, ORR
 John Morea, SGN
 John Smart, SSEN
 Andy Mitchell, Tideway
 Basil Scarsella, UKPN
 Gillian O'Boyle, Virgin Media
 Jules Pipe, GLA

Apologies

Chris Perkins, Network Rail
 Clare Miller, Clarion Housing Group
 Dana Tobak, Hyperoptic
 Chris King, HS2
 David Wright, National Grid
 Dame Melanie Dawes, Ofcom
 Jonathan Brearley, Ofgem
 David Black, Ofwat
 Sarah Bentley, Thames Water
 Andy Byford, TfL
 Cllr Claire Holland, London Councils

Delegates

James Prowse, Hyperoptic
 Chris Bennett, National Grid
 David Clarkson, Ofcom
 Michael Wagner, Ofgem
 Carl Pheasey, Ofwat
 Cathryn Ross, Thames Water
 Alex Williams, TfL
 Katharina Winbeck, London Councils

Chair: Jules Pipe (Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills)

Meeting format

Microsoft Teams meeting

No objections were raised in relation to the workstreams presented at the meeting which we will now continue to pursue.

Item	Minutes	Actions
Welcome and introductions	<p>Deputy Mayor Jules Pipe welcomed the group and particularly new members, Stuart Ledger (Interim CEO, Affinity Water), Gillian O'Boyle (Director, Virgin Media), Cllr Claire Holland (Leader of Lambeth and Vice Chair of London Councils Transport and Environment Committee) and Lawrence Summers (Executive Director, Morrisons Water Services).</p> <p>Jules Pipe thanked many of the utilities committed to investing nearly £2bn in the capital over two years, to support green recovery. We continue to work with</p>	

	utilities to track their progress toward delivering on these commitments.	
Infrastructure Coordination Service (ICS)	<p>Molly Strauss (GLA Head of Infrastructure) presented on the Pilot Phase of the Infrastructure Coordination Service (ICS) and highlighted achievements for each service line: Streets, Planning, Development and Data. Operational representatives from Thames Water (John Hennon), UKPN (Luke Hughes), SGN (Drew Reynolds), and Cadent (Stuart Donaldson) reflected on the Pilot Phase benefits.</p> <p>The GLA in partnership with Thames Water, TfL, Cadent, SGN and UKPN has been nominated for Partnership Initiative of the Year at the British Construction Industry Awards 2021 for the Streets service of the ICS.</p> <p>Molly Strauss provided an update on the current Expansion Phase of the ICS programme, with core funding from the Lane Rental Surplus Fund. Key priorities and deliverables for the Expansion Phase were outlined for Summer 2021-2023.</p> <p>The slides presented have been circulated alongside these minutes.</p>	All: Continue to collaborate with us on delivering the Expansion Phase of the ICS – including identifying a senior contact to liaise with the Development service line of the ICS.
Discussion on Infrastructure priorities for London	Members provided an update on organisational priorities to inform the GLA's infrastructure work programme across the organisation, including the ICS. This included suggested areas of research and work that the recently appointed second cohort of the Young Professional Panel could support on.	GLA: Feed back to LIG member organisations on opportunities to take forward the research questions raised with the Young Professionals Panel.
Beyond 2023: the strategic future of the ICS	<p>Molly Strauss presented on the work underway to look at the shape of the ICS post-Expansion Phase after Summer 2023, to establish a sustainable arrangement for the service. This covered the questions we will seek to answer together on the right service offer, structure, and funding sources for the ICS in the long term. GLA committed to continue to work collaboratively with member organisations, particularly with dedicated sponsors, in developing this work.</p> <p>The slides presented have been circulated alongside these minutes.</p>	All: Engage with the GLA over the next 18 months to consider the right set up for the future of the ICS.
Growth and Capacity Planner	Helen Markides (GLA Infrastructure Data and Innovation Lead) presented on the Growth and Capacity Planner—a new data tool in early development to support long-term planning for infrastructure in London by providing utilities more certainty about coming growth, and providing local authorities more clarity on utility networks' capacity.	All: Relevant organisations to engage and identify a senior point of contact for the Growth and Capacity Planner project.

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Regulator's Pioneer Fund	<p>Matt Whaley (GLA Senior Infrastructure Planning Officer) presented on the recent grant funding from the Regulators' Pioneer Fund and the plans for the project going forward, focusing on expanding the collaborative streetworks incentive to other sectors and capturing the full range of benefits from reducing disruption on the road network.</p> <p>The slides presented have been circulated alongside these minutes.</p>	All: Relevant organisations to identify a day-to-day point of contact to join the Regulators' Pioneer Fund working group.
AOB	<p>1) Molly Strauss passed on Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy Shirley Rodrigues's request for utilities, transport providers and telecoms to get in touch with the Environment team to provide a light-touch update on the resilience of their assets in light of recent flooding.</p> <p>2) Several members have joined our equality, diversity and inclusion working group, to improve diversity and inclusion in the sector. We are continuing to work on school outreach, reverse mentor and data collection.</p>	<p>All: Contact Dan Bicknell, GLA Environment team to update on your infrastructure's resilience to flooding (Daniel.Bicknell@london.gov.uk).</p> <p>All: New members to nominate a contact if you would like your organisation to be involved in LIG EDI working group, if not already.</p>
Close	The next LIG meeting will be held in Spring 2022 and will be an in-person event. We will be getting in touch with your teams to schedule a date for the meeting in due course.	