

London Infrastructure Delivery Board

Minutes

10.00 – 12.00, Tuesday 31th March 2015

London & Partners, 2 More London Riverside, London SE1 2RR

Attendees

Steve Allen, Martin Baggs, Greg Barker, Lee Bishop, Nick Bliss, Daniel Butler, Chris Choa, Isabel Deding, John Dickie, Sir Philip Dilley, Peter Farnham, Lan Feng, Emma FitzGerald, Fiona Fletcher-Smith, Maxine Frerk, Peter Gerstorm, Victoria Hills, Paul Hodgson, Stephen Howlett, Alex Jan, Boris Johnson, Sue Kershaw, Sir Edward Lister, Cllr Clyde Loakes, Trevor Maginley, Honor Main, Keith Mason, Jason Millett, Stewart Murray, Dr Nelson Ogunshakin, Chet Patel, Matthew Pencharz, Mathew Riley, Cllr Philippa Roe, Darren Richards, Huw Sanders, Basil Scarsella, Ian Shrubsall, Jeremy Skinner, Madalina Ursu, Colin Wilson, Katharina Winbeck

Apologies

Mark Camley, Paul Harwood, Cllr Claire Kober, Harvey McGrath, Jules Pipe, Geoffrey Spence

Actions arising

Board members to work with the GLA and others to take forward the actions identified below.

No. Agenda item

Action

1 Introductions and recap of objectives

- 1.1 Boris Johnson welcomed the attendees and reaffirmed his call for greater coordination in infrastructure planning and delivery across London to accelerate delivery and address common challenges and opportunities. He thanked members for the collaboration shown to date.
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2 Key areas for joint working

2.A Infrastructure Programme Plan and Map

Paul Hodgson, GIS and Infrastructure Manager at the GLA, gave a brief presentation on the London Programme Plan and Map that proved the numerous functionalities and capabilities of using the tool (including the use of filters which can be used to hone in individual projects to see the details of start and completion dates, cost, size and name of the company leading). The Board welcomed the initiative and committed to submit their data to make this a most efficient tool. The GLA announced that the first version of the map will be released in June.

2.B Spatial Case Studies

Victoria Hills (Director of the Old Oak Common/Park Royal Mayoral Development Corporation), Colin Wilson (Senior Manager for Planning at the GLA), Stewart Murray (Assistant Director for Planning at the GLA) gave presentations on recent developments on Old Oak and Park Royal, Upper Lee Valley and North Bexley opportunity areas.

They outlined the governance structures being put in place and how Board members can fit into those, the potential infrastructure requirements for each area and timing for implementation. Members agreed to actively participate in the development of these areas and extend lessons learnt to the other high growth areas in London.

2.C Regulation

Matthew Pencharz, Senior Advisor for Environment and Energy at the GLA, updated the Board on recent developments in terms of accommodating investment ahead of demand in the case of electricity. Board members agreed that current regulations are delaying infrastructure (except for those in gas) and discussed the potential of expanding the current models investigated by Ofgem to water for large scale developments.

2.D Devolution

Sir Edward Lister, Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor for Policy and Planning, emphasized London's need to secure more fiscal certainty. Sir Edward highlighted that summed together London's property taxes would come to a rough equivalent of the total amount spent by Boroughs, the GLA and TfL on infrastructure - having these devolved would significantly improve London's investments needs allowing the capital to borrow against those revenue streams and ensuring continuity of funding. Members were supportive of the different proposals discussed and generally willing to support the GLA's lobbying activities.

3 Updates**3.A Skills**

Sir Edward spoke of the ambition for London to have greater control of further education skills commissioning, adding that London already has a role in directing the apprenticeship grant for employers. He updated Board members of the establishment of the construction skills advisory group and its aim to build a pan-London skills action plan – part of its aims will be to use the programme plan data to undertake a skills analysis. Sir Edward incentivised Board Members to have a greater say in the skills agenda.

3.C Connectivity

Sir Edward Lister informed the Board of the work programme agreed by the connectivity advisory group (including a connectivity map highlighting areas of London with connectivity issues, a rating scheme which will certify connectivity ratings of buildings and a toolkit that will aim to increase transparency and improve best practice). Members welcomed initiatives in this space.

3.D Innovation

Matthew Pencharz updated members on the intention to connect infrastructure providers with the Smart London Board and its network of contacts – this can bring more innovation in infrastructure delivery with the ultimate goal of being more efficient and bringing down costs. Members agreed the innovation should be at the top of their agenda.

3.E Attitudes to Growth

Jeremy Skinner, Interim Assistant Director for Economic and Business Policy at the GLA, presented results of the recent telephone survey of 1000 adult Londoners' attitudes to growth. While generally positive around growth, Londoners' biggest concerns are around public transport, housing and healthcare provision. More in-depth focus groups will take place. The Board agreed that one of the functions of its members was to make people see growth in a positive note.
