

Second Wider South East Summit

11 December 2015, 14:00

Chamber, City Hall, London

Notes

List of Registered Delegates

See Annex 1

1. Welcome

Welcome by Sir Edward Lister, Deputy Mayor of London, to City Hall. Cllr Derrick Haley, Deputy Chairman of the East of England Local Government Association (EELGA), reminded participants to focus on the big strategic picture. Cllr Nicolas Heslop, Chairman of South East England Councils (SEEC), highlighted that the Wider South East (WSE) would need to be involved in the debate on London's housing growth and that addressing barriers to housing delivery would need to be a key priority for the WSE.

2. Agreement on new collaboration arrangements between East of England, South East and London

The independent Chair Phil Swann, Shared Intelligence, confirmed that the meeting papers (provided in advance to all Leaders within the WSE and available on the independent WSE website <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/organisations-we-work/policy-and-infrastructure-collaboration-across-wider-south-east>) reflect the Roundtable discussions. These took place over the summer with the majority of WSE councils participating. The Summit was also informed by the emerging findings of the Outer London Commission (for details see its independent website <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/organisations-we-work/outer-london-commission-olc/olc-full-review-london-plan>).

The following points were made with regard to the proposed new collaboration arrangements:

- With regards to paragraph 4.2 of Annex 2 (Towards a common understanding of the evidence) it was requested and agreed to change the third sentence to read: 'The Mayor of London will engage councils in the WSE as technical evidence is developed.' This would better reflect the aims of the WSE collaboration process and stresses the mutual advantage of early engagement on the review of the London Plan.
- The involvement of Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in the Governance of the new arrangements was discussed. It was agreed that the focus should be on political representation, in particular as several political Leaders are also represented on LEP Boards. However, it was acknowledged that circumstances are different across the WSE, and officers were asked by the Chair to identify effective mechanisms for the engagement of the LEPs.
- It was confirmed that London boroughs will also be represented on the Political Steering Group and that their appointments will be made through London Councils.
- The Political Steering Group should closely follow progress with emerging devolution and combined authority debates and evolve if required.

- It was also agreed to use electronic communications to enable member dialogue between meetings as appropriate.

Summit outcome: Subject to the above, the Summit endorsed in accordance with the Recommendations paper

- the proposed collaboration arrangements for an annual (or if necessary more frequent) Summit for all WSE councils/Mayor of London/LEPs and a smaller political Steering Group, to 'go live' as soon as possible in early 2016, comprised of five representatives each from East of England LGA, SEEC and the Mayor of London; and
- the arrangements for officer support for these political processes, building on the existing Strategic Spatial Planning Officer Liaison Group – SSPOLG.

3. Potential early priorities for collaboration and joint action

In the light of limited resources, participants were asked to consider the following issues for their scope and relative importance for early joint action across the WSE. They were also asked to raise any specific issues they would like to see considered for each of them.

a) Preparation and timing for the full review of the London Plan

John Lett, Strategic Planning Manager, provided a brief introduction. With 140 dwellings/ha densities in London are three times higher than outside London. John highlighted that population projections are being monitored closely. Housing need is expected to be slightly higher than set out in the 2015 London Plan, but in terms of employment growth a significant increase is expected. John also reiterated that the Mayor would welcome engagement of the WSE in the technical evidence work.

The following issues were logged as part of the discussion:

- Collaboration on growth should not only focus on housing, but also on economic development. A better understanding of the basis for the economic projections is needed.
- As a related early priority the effective interaction between authorities in the plan-making process beyond the Duty to Cooperate / Duty to Inform and Consult (GLA duty) was agreed.

b) Common understanding of data/ evidence base

Richard Hatter, Strategic Planning Manager at Thurrock Council and Chair of the East of England SSPOLG, introduced this item and referred to the preparation of a 'stocktake' of existing evidence currently underway. It could be used as a tool for auditing and lobbying purposes and to uncover potential evidence gaps. The resource requirements for any further work will need further consideration. Richard highlighted that the GLA's emerging housing and economic modelling will have the capability to cover the whole of the WSE and beyond.

The following issues were logged as part of the discussion:

- The GLA's emerging demographic modelling will reflect the Government's ONS model and will transparently allow for different migration assumptions to be made. Further discussions

with Government and the Planning Inspectorate would be useful. A joint representation seeking improvements to the current Government modelling could be considered.

- Commuting data/geographies could also benefit from wider collaboration, but there is a risk of double-counting in particular on Strategic Housing Market Area (SHMA) boundaries and in the light of the use of different forecasting models within the WSE.
- Collaboration on data/evidence should not lead to the creation of resource intensive processes/commitments. To explore complex interrelationships between data, the GLA is developing a new data platform that could potentially also benefit the WSE.
- In the preparation of their statutory spatial plans local authorities need to have regard to the most up-to-date evidence. It would be important that the impact of emerging modelling on emerging Local Plans at an advanced stage is handled sensitively, in particular in the light of the Government deadline to have Plans in place by 2017.

c) Addressing barriers to housing delivery

Cllr Nicolas Heslop (Chairman of SEEC and Leader of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council) introduced this item. He highlighted that housing completions were significantly below plan housing targets across the WSE as a whole. He suggested using the Outer London Commission (OLC) recommendations and other suggestions as starting point for further consideration. The combined weight of the WSE should be used to influence key players including Government.

The following issues were logged as part of the discussion:

- It is necessary to engage directly with the private sector to ensure that key sites are developed in a timely manner. The GLA maintains a regular dialogue with the developer community, which could be beneficial in terms of developing better partnership work across the WSE.
- The effective use of public sector land is an important component. Public sector bodies involved in the development process should collaborate and support delivery to avoid unnecessary delays.

d) Making the case for strategic infrastructure investment

In the absence of Cllr Jason Ablewhite (Chairman of EELGA and Leader of Huntingdonshire District Council) due to illness, Richard Hatter introduced this item on his behalf providing an overview of the scope for collaboration to make the case for strategic infrastructure.

The following issues were logged as part of the discussion:

- Opportunities for lobbying the new National Infrastructure Commission as well as sub-national transport bodies were raised.
- Opportunities for engagement with developers could be useful, as inadequate infrastructure provision could negatively affect the delivery of housing schemes.

Summit outcome: Discussions highlighted the importance of all four emerging issues above for future joint working but it was suggested that an initial focus for the Political Steering Group would be on the London Plan review and barriers to housing delivery.

4. Next steps and actions

Summit outcome: Building on Summit discussions, the Political Steering Group will – with support from officers – develop an action plan for joint work based on the priorities set, including scoping any resource requirements. All WSE Leaders will be kept informed about progress.

Officers confirmed that the presentation slides would be made available. They can be accessed via the WSE website: <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/organisations-we-work/policy-and-infrastructure-collaboration-across-wider-south-east>

The first meeting of the new Political Steering Group has been scheduled for 10 March 2016 at 12:00 at City Hall, London. Appointments to the Steering Group will be finalised in January 2016. SEEC has already appointed its members:

- Cllr Nicolas Heslop, SEEC Chairman & Leader of Tonbridge & Malling BC
- Cllr Peter Martin, Deputy Leader of Surrey CC
- Cllr David Burbage, Leader of Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
- Cllr Carole Paternoster, Cabinet member, Aylesbury Vale DC
- Cllr Tony Page, Deputy Leader of Reading BC

The next meeting of the current officer working group (SSPOLG) has been scheduled for 5 February 2016 at 14:00 at City Hall. The agreed priorities as well as a review of the terms and membership of the group will be on the agenda.

The Chair thanked all participants for their engagement.

Annex 1

Wider South East Joint Summit - 11 December 2015				
East of England Registration List				
	Surname	Name	Role	Organisation
	Altun	Cinar	Policy and Secretariat Manager	East of England LGA
	Ashley	Derrick	Cabinet member for environment, transport and planning	Hertfordshire County Council
	Bentley	Kevin	Deputy Leader	Essex County Council
	Carr	Richard	Chief Executive	Central Bedfordshire Council
	Chipping	Hilary	Head of Infrastructure	SEM LEP
	Clempner	Jon	Leader	Harlow Council
	Daly	Julian	Leader	St Albans District Council
	Darwin	Neil	Chief Executive	Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP
	Davis	Roy	Leader's Representative & Management Committee of the East of England LGA	Luton Borough Council
	Donovan	Paul	Team Leader, Strategic Planning	Hertfordshire County Council
	FitzPatrick	Tom	Leader	North Norfolk District Council
	Frame	Bill	Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Planning	Colchester Borough Council
	Fuller	John	Leader	South Norfolk District Council
	Gardner	John	Deputy Leader - Environment and Economy	Stevenage Borough Council
	Griffiths	John	Leader	St Edmundsbury Borough Council
	Haley	Derrick	Leader and Deputy Chairman of the East of England LGA	Mid Suffolk District Council
	Hatter	Richard	Strategic Planning Manager	Thurrock Council
	Hayes	Neil	Executive Director	Hertfordshire LEP
	Haysey	Linda	Leader	East Hertfordshire District Council
	Hirst	Roger	Cabinet Member for Planning and the Environment	Essex County Council
	Hodgson	Dave	Leader	Bedford Borough Council
	Holdich	John	Leader	Peterborough City Council
	Jamieson	James	Leader	Central Bedfordshire Council
	Jones	Gavin	Chief Executive (in waiting)	Essex County Council
	Law	Colin	Leader	Waveney District Council
	Lewis	Miriam	Leader	Maldon District Council
	Lyons	Christine	Assistant Director – Planning Services	Rochford District Council
	Mayley	Andrea	Head of Economic Development and Growth	West Suffolk Council
	McGill	John	Director	London Stansted Cambridge Consortium
	Moffatt	Andy	Head of Development	Huntingdonshire District

				Council	
	Moore	Richard	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning	Basildon Borough Council	
	Needham	Lynda	Leader	North Hertfordshire District Council	
	Payne	Simon	Director of Environment	Cambridge City Council	
	Perkins	Mandy	Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Community	Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council	
	Proctor	Andrew	Leader	Broadland District Council	
	Reeve	Mark	Chairman	Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP	
	Scholes	David	Chief Executive	North Hertfordshire District Council	
	Sheppard	Mark	Senior Strategic Planner	Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	
	Silverman	Mark	Policy and Transport Manager	Hertsmere Borough Council	
	Simmons	Hazel	Leader	Luton Borough Council	
	Speight	Richard	Portfolio Holder for Planning and Growth	Thurrock Council	
	Stanbury	Lance	Council Member	Forest Heath District Council	
	Starkie	Chris	Managing Director	New Anglia LEP	
	Stuckey	Claire	Senior Planning Officer (Planning Policy)	Chelmsford City Council	
	Taylor	Andrew	Assistant Director Planning and Building Control	Uttlesford District Council	
	Thomas	Matthew	Team Leader of Strategic Planning	Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	
	Tredget	Cecilia	Managing Director	East of England LGA	
	Waters	Alan	Leader	Norwich City Council	
	Wood	Paul	Head of Economic Development and Regeneration	East Suffolk	
	Wood	Steven	Head of Planning and Growth	West Suffolk Council	
	Woodley	Ron	Leader	Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	
	Wotherspoon	Tim	Executive Member for Strategic Planning	South Cambridgeshire District Council	

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	Surname	Name	Role	Organisation	
	Bower	Ricky	Cllr	Arun DC	
	Paternoster	Carole	Cllr	Aylesbury Vale DC	
	Bettison	Paul	Cllr	Bracknell Forest Council	
	Tett	Martin	Cllr	Buckinghamshire CC	
	Jamieson	James	Cllr	Central Bedfordshire	
	Darby	Isobel	Cllr	Chiltern DC	
	Hunnisett	Derek	Cllr	Dartford BC	
	Scales	Frederick	Cllr	Dover DC	
	Glass	Angela	Cllr	East Hampshire DC	
	House	Keith	Cllr	Eastleigh BC	
	Kelly	Andrew	Cllr	Elmbridge BC	
	Dallen	Neil	Cllr	Epsom & Ewell BC	
	Cubitt	John	Cllr	Gravesham BC	
	Furniss	Matt	Cllr	Guildford BC	
	Perry	Roy	Cllr	Hampshire CC	
	Parker	Stephen	Cllr	Hart DC	
	Forward	Kim	Cllr	Hastings BC	
	Carter	Paul	Cllr	Kent CC	
	Wilson	Fran	Cllr	Maidstone BC	
	Wall	Garry	Cllr	Mid Sussex DC	
	Seed	Sarah	Cllr	Mole Valley DC	
	Burbage	David	Cllr	RB of Windsor & Maidenhead	
	Page	Tony	Cllr	Reading BC	
	Hack	Lynne	Cllr	Reigate & Banstead BC	
	Kay	Allen	Cllr	Reigate & Banstead BC	
	Kingerley	Gail	Cllr	Runnymede BC	
	Dibbs	Roland	Cllr	Rushmoor BC	
	Piper	Robert	Cllr	Sevenoaks DC	
	Monk	David	Cllr	Shepway DC	
	Bagge	Ralph	Cllr	South Bucks DC	
	Hodge	David	Cllr	Surrey CC	
	Martin	Peter	Cllr	Surrey CC	
	Bowles	Andrew	Cllr	Swale BC	
	Weightman	David	Cllr	Tandridge DC	
	Hatley	Martin	Cllr	Test Valley BC	
	Wells	Chris	Cllr	Thanet DC	
	Fairbrass	Lin	Cllr	Thanet DC	
	Rogers	Howard	Cllr	Tonbridge & Malling BC	
	Heslop	Nicolas	Cllr	Tonbridge & Malling BC	
	Newton	Ann	Cllr	Wealden DC	
	Law	Alan	Cllr	West Berkshire Council	
	Crank	Ron		Coast to Capital LEP	
	French	Geoff		Enterprise M3 LEP	
	Brown	Graham		South East LEP	
	Wenman	Ian		Oxfordshire LEP	
	Harrington	Richard		Thames Valley Bucks LEP	
	Mark	Lambert		Basingstoke & Deane BC	
	Chris	Williams		Buckinghamshire CC	
	Mark	Aplin		Dartford BC	

	Behrendt	Mark		Elmbridge BC	
	Berry	Mark		Epsom & Ewell BC	
	Fagg	Barry		Guildford BC	
	Murray	Chris		Hampshire CC	
	Straw	Jack		Mole Valley DC	
	Green	Caroline		Oxford City	
	Hindle	Bev		Oxfordshire CC	
	Rose	Cath		Reigate & Banstead BC	
	Mould	Luci		Reigate & Banstead BC	
	Ford	Richard		Runnymede BC	
	Pamberi	Claire		Sevenoaks DC	
	Shore	David		Shepway DC	
	Bailey	Alison		South Bucks DC	
	Janota	Sue		Surrey CC	
	Thompson	Sarah		Tandridge DC	
	Raymond	Abigail		Thanet DC	
	Buckingham	Lucy		Thanet DC	
	Bailey	Ian		Tonbridge & Malling BC	
	Lyttle	Bryan		West Berkshire Council	
	Bolton	Heather		SEEC	
	Woolfenden	Nick		SEEC	
	Yapp	Susie		SESL	

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	Barrett	Clarence	London Borough of Havering	Cabinet Member for Financial Management Leader of the East Havering Residents' Group
	Barton	Steve	London Borough of Ealing	Planning Policy Manager
	Bell	Julian	London Borough of Ealing	Leader
	Biggs	John	London Borough of Tower Hamlets	Mayor
	Brisbane	Bill	Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames	Councillor
	Buttrick	Tom	London Borough of Southwark	Team Leader
	Clark	Ken	London Borough of Newham Council	Cabinet Member for Building Communities and Public Affairs, Regeneration and Planning
	Cowan	Stephen	London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham	Leader
	Cunningham	David	Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames	Portfolio holder - Regeneration
	Davis	Kevin	Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames	Leader
	Evans	Viv	Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames	Head of Planning and Transport
	Flight	Judy	West London Alliance, c/o London Borough of Ealing	Assistant Director
	Harriss	Sean	London Borough of Lambeth	CEO
	James	Mark	Royal Borough of Greenwich	Councillor, Chair of Planning Committee
	John	Peter	London Borough of Southwark	Leader
	Lett	John	GLA	Strategic Planning Manager
	Lister	Sir Edward	GLA	Deputy Mayor of London for Planning
	McGrath	Harvey	London Enterprise Panel	Deputy Chair
	Murray	Stewart	GLA	Assistant Director for Planning
	Nichol	Ian	South London Partnership	Interim Director
	O'Brien	John	London Councils	CEO
	Peck	Lib	London Borough of Lambeth	Leader
	Ramsey	Roger	London Borough of Havering	Leader
	Regan	Brian	London Borough of Lewisham	Planning Policy Manager
	Schofield	Jenny	Environment Agency	Account Manager, London Area
	Smith	Alan	London Borough of Lewisham	Deputy Leader
	Swann	Phil	Shared Intelligence	Facilitator
	Turner	Lucinda	Transport for London	Head of Strategic Planning
	Welbank MBE	Michael	City of London Corporation	Chairman of the Planning & Transportation Committee
	Winbeck	Katharina	London Councils	Head of Transport, Environment and Infrastructure Policy and Public Affairs Division