

London Councils

Minutes of the London Councils Leaders' Committee held on 12 July 2016
Mayor Jules Pipe chaired the meeting

Present:

BARKING AND DAGENHAM
BARNET
BEXLEY
BRENT
BROMLEY
CAMDEN
CROYDON
EALING
ENFIELD
GREENWICH
HACKNEY
HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM
HARINGEY
HARROW
HAVERING
HILLINGDON
HOUNSLOW
ISLINGTON
KENSINGTON & CHELSEA
KINGSTON
LAMBETH
LEWISHAM
MERTON
NEWHAM
REDBRIDGE
RICHMOND UPON THAMES
SOUTHWARK
SUTTON
TOWER HAMLETS
WALTHAM FOREST
WANDSWORTH
WESTMINSTER
CITY OF LONDON
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Cllr Darren Rodwell
Cllr Richard Cornelius
Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE
Cllr M. A. Butt
Cllr Colin Smith
Cllr Sarah Hayward
Cllr Simon Hall
Cllr Julian Bell
Cllr Doug Taylor
Cllr Denise Hyland
Mayor Jules Pipe
Cllr M. Cartwright
Cllr Bernice Vanier
Cllr Sachin Shah
Cllr Roger Ramsey
Cllr Ray Puddifoot MBE
Cllr Steve Curran
Cllr Richard Watts
Cllr Nicholas Paget-Brown
Cllr Kevin Davis
Cllr Lib Peck
Mayor Sir Steve Bullock
Cllr Stephen Alambritis
Cllr Ken Clarke
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Cllr Lord True
Cllr Peter John OBE
Cllr Ruth Dombey
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Cllr Clyde Loakes
Cllr Ravi Govindia
Cllr Tim Mitchell
Ms Catherine McGuinness
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Apologies:

BROMLEY
CROYDON
HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM
HARINGEY
NEWHAM
REDBRIDGE
TOWER HAMLETS
WALTHAM FOREST
WESTMINSTER
CITY OF LONDON
CAPITAL AMBITION

Cllr Stephen Carr
Cllr Tony Newman
Cllr Stephen Cowan
Cllr Claire Kober
Mayor Sir Robin Wales
Cllr Jas Athwal
Mayor John Biggs
Cllr Chris Robbins
Cllr Philippa Roe
Mr Mark Boleat
Mr Edward Lord JP OBE CC

Officers of London Councils were in attendance:

1. Election of Chair

Item deferred to the end of the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence and announcement of deputies

The deputies listed above were noted.

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr Julian Bell (Labour, TEC, Ealing) declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 *Housing Proposition: Update* as a tenant of a Housing Association

4. Minutes of Leaders' Committee AGM meeting held on 7 June 2016

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6. Devolution and Public Service Reform – Progress report

The Chief Executive introduced the report saying:

- The item provided an update on key aspects of negotiations with Government on:
 - Work and Health Programme. Along with Greater Manchester, London was the other area negotiating to commission the new Work and Health

programme. Discussions with DWP were continuing, but there were delays and the procurement timetable would inevitably slip a little.

- Health Devolution. Progress on pilots established as part of the December 2015 Health and Care Agreement and the relationship to the STP process was discussed at a meeting of the London Health Board at the end of June. This was the first meeting chaired by the new Mayor.
- Business Rates As agreed in June a joint letter setting out a 'Statement of Principles' underpinning London's approach to Business Rates had been sent from the Chair and the Mayor of London to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The Government had now issued the consultation paper on business rate localisation

Cllr Peter John OBE (Labour, Children, Skills and Employment, Southwark) pointed out that the Area Review of Further Education was underway and asked any leader who had concerns to let him know them.

Leaders' Committee agreed to note progress, particularly in relation to:

- Skills – including work to influence the Area Reviews of Further Education and the review of Adult and Community Learning.
- Health - including the work of the London health pilots, which were expected to lead to draft 'asks' of Government to support integration and reform.
- Criminal Justice
- Business Rates
- Employment support – including progress towards reaching an agreement with DWP on the Work and Health Programme
- Housing

7. Housing Proposition: Update

Mayor Sir Steve Bullock (Labour, Housing, Lewisham) introduced this report saying he, Cllr Ravi Govindia (Conservative, Wandsworth) and the Mayor of London had met with the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. It appeared as if progress was being made towards a tripartite endorsement of a set of high level principles. This, of course, could not commit individual boroughs to specific courses of action and there was much more to do to secure a more detailed agreement.

He then asked Cllr Govindia to contribute, he did as follows. The following points had been strongly made in negotiations with City Hall and Government

- That boroughs had the right to decide what type of Housing to create in their areas as well as their numbers
- The primacy of boroughs in place-making must be respected and the importance of securing appropriate infrastructure to support housing was vital.

Leaders' Committee agreed to note progress on joint discussions on Housing.

8. Meeting London's secondary school places need

Cllr Peter John OBE (Labour, Children, Skills and Employment, Southwark) introduced the report saying it was a short report seeking endorsement for the work that extended previous analysis on primary places into the issue of secondary places, as the shortfall had moved similarly.

Cllr Doug Taylor (Labour, Enfield) argued that in the next stages of the work, there should be more exploration of the issues of importing/exporting of pupils between outer London and non London authorities.

Cllr Govindia urged that Regional School Commissioners needed to be less directive and Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE asked if there was an argument for finding a better way of predicting place numbers.

Cllr John took on board all the points made and Leaders' Committee agreed:

- To note the analysis of the scale of the challenge and the intention to provide targeted support to areas identified without confirmed plans in place
- That London local government considered developing local arrangements to ensure greater cross-borough collaboration on planning secondary places going forward.

9. Minutes and Summaries

Leaders' Committee agreed to note the minutes and summaries of:

- Grants Committee – 9 March
- Pensions CIV Sectoral Joint Committee – 14 June 2016
- Executive – 21 June 2016

At the close of business the Chair returned to item 1 and announced his resignation as Chair thanking members and officers for their support over the six years of his tenure. Both Cllr O'Neill and Cllr Dombey paid tribute to what the Chair had achieved in the role and the way he had gone about that work. The Chair asked for nominations for a replacement. Cllr Clyde Loakes (Labour, Waltham Forest) nominated Cllr Claire Kober (Labour, Haringey) and Cllr O'Neill seconded. In the absence of any other nominations Cllr Kober was elected Chair to take effect from 13th July 2016.

The meeting resolved to exclude the press and public.

The meeting ended at 12:20.

Action Points

Item		Action	Progress
8.	Meeting London's secondary school places need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide targeted support to areas identified without confirmed plans in place • Consider developing local arrangements to ensure greater cross-borough collaboration on planning secondary places going forward. 	PAPA Children and Young People	ALDCS and London Councils drafting project specification with a view to start targeted support from September The targeted support will consider and promote opportunities for greater cross-borough collaboration