

# Leaders' Committee

## Capital Ambition Board Terms of Reference

Item No 8

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**Summary:**

This report asks Leaders' Committee to approve expanded Terms of Reference for the Capital Ambition Board which more properly reflect the activities of the sub-committee, and which are consistent with the expanded Terms of Reference agreed in 2016 but which were not subsequently adopted due to administrative oversights.

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**Recommendation:** Leaders' Committee is asked to:

Approve the Terms of Reference for the Capital Ambition Board detailed in the Appendix to this report.

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# Terms of Reference for the Capital Ambition Board

## Introduction

1. This report is being presented to Leaders' Committee to reinstate with immediate effect the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Capital Ambition Board (CAB) agreed via urgency procedures on 5 September 2016 and subsequently ratified at a previous Leaders' Committee on 11 October 2016 (the 2016 ToR).

## Background

2. In September 2016, Leaders' Committee agreed, via urgency procedures, changes to the ToR for CAB in order to clarify CAB's functions relating to the on-going management of the London Ventures support services and consultancy contract and to confirm the delegation to CAB to continue to fund projects that meet the funding criteria agreed by Leaders' Committee on 14 December 2010.
3. Due to an administrative oversight the 2016 ToR were not presented for approval at the subsequent at Leaders' Committee AGMs on 11 July 2017 and 5 June 2018 as required annually under London Councils' Standing Orders. Instead the previous, narrower version of the CAB ToR were approved. Notwithstanding this, CAB has continued to operate and undertake activities in accordance with the broader 2016 ToR.
4. The work of the CAB (a sub-committee of Leaders' Committee) is reported to the joint committee at regular intervals. Thus, any of the CAB decisions reported to the joint committee and falling outside of CAB's approved ToR will have been ratified insofar as Leaders' Committee has not disagreed, altered or otherwise revoked those decisions. Officers can confirm that all decisions taken by CAB were received and ratified by Leaders' Committee, and were within the authority of Leaders' Committee, and so remain valid.
5. To ensure that CAB's ToR properly reflect its activities and the scope of its delegated authority from Leaders' Committee, Leaders' Committee is now asked to approve new Terms of Reference for CAB as presented in Appendix A to this report. The new ToR reinstate the 2016 ToR, and the amendments to the current ToR are marked as tracked changes.

## **Recommendations:**

Leaders' Committee is asked to approve the new Terms of Reference for the Capital Ambition Board detailed in the Appendix which correctly reflect the activities of the sub-committee, and which Leaders' Committee had previously endorsed.

## **Financial implications for London Councils**

None

## **Legal implications for London Councils**

The legal implications for London Councils are included in the body of the report.

## **Equalities implications for London Councils**

There are no direct equalities implications for London Councils as a result of this report.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A - Capital Ambition Board Terms of Reference as agreed at the Leaders' Committee AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – marked with proposed changes

## **Background Papers**

Leaders' Committee Urgency Report 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016

## Item 8 – Appendix A

### Appendix A: Capital Ambition Board Terms of Reference as agreed at the Leaders Committee AGM 5 June 2018 – marked with proposed changes

The Capital Ambition Board will, operating within the policy and governance framework of the Leaders' Committee, be responsible for:

1. Strategic direction and support for improvement, efficiency, transformation and innovation in London local government including by –
  - a. Encouraging participation in, and garnering support for, shared and collaborative solutions in commissioning and service delivery within local government; and
  - b. Engaging with key stakeholders to promote this ethos, products and outcomes; and
  - c. Continuing to fund projects that meet the funding criteria agreed by Leaders' Committee on 14th December 2010.
2. Strategic oversight and operational responsibility for the London Ventures programme including by –
  - a. Managing and monitoring the London Ventures support services and consultancy contract; and
  - b. In accordance with funding criteria agreed by Leaders' Committee on 14 December 2010:
    - i. reviewing business cases and selecting projects under that programme ~~in accordance with funding criteria agreed by Leaders' Committee on 14 December 2010;~~ and
    - ii. commissioning and/or funding activity ~~commercial contracts~~ in line with those funding priorities;
  - c. Undertaking any other functions to support the successful delivery of the London Ventures programme.
3. Oversight and monitoring of the ~~existing~~ portfolio of projects funded by the Board, or its predecessor organisations, and of the efficiency savings that these projects will deliver.
4. Reporting regularly to the London Councils Leaders' Committee on the work of the Board including the status of the investment fund, the London Ventures programme, project performance, and efficiency savings achieved.