

# Leaders' Committee

## Minutes and Summaries

Item no: 9

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**Summary**      Summaries of the minutes of London Councils

**Recommendations**      Leader's Committee is recommended to note the attached minutes:

- TEC – 11 October 2018
- GLPC – 18 October 2018
- YPES – 8 November 2018
- TEC Executive – 15 November 2018
- Grants Committee – 21 November 2018
- CAB – 12 December 2018
- Executive – 15 January 2019

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## Report from the Transport & Environment Committee – 11 October 2018

Item no:

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**Summary:** Summary of the minutes of the London Councils' Transport & Environment Committee held on 11 October 2018

**Recommendations:** For information.

**1. Attendance:** Cllr Syed Ghani (LB Barking & Dagenham), Cllr William Huntington-Thresher (LB Bromley), Cllr Stuart King (LB Croydon), Cllr Julian Bell (LB Ealing - Chair), Cllr Guney Dogan (LB Enfield - Deputy), Cllr Denise Scott-McDonald (LB Greenwich), Cllr Feryal Demirci (LB Hackney), Cllr Wesley Harcourt (LB Hammersmith & Fulham), Cllr Kirsten Hearn (LB Haringey) Cllr Chloe Smith (LB Harrow - Deputy), Cllr Claudia Webbe (LB Islington), Cllr Will Pascall (RB Kensington & Chelsea), Cllr Hilary Gander (RB Kingston-upon-Thames), Cllr Nigel Haslden (LB Lambeth – Deputy), Cllr Brenda Dacres (LB Lewisham), Cllr Martin Whelton (LB Merton), Cllr John Howard (LB Redbridge), Cllr Alexander Ehmann (LB Richmond-upon-Thames), Cllr Richard Livingstone (LB Southwark), Cllr Manuel Abellan (LB Sutton), Cllr David Edgar (LB Tower Hamlets), Cllr Clyde Loakes (LB Waltham Forest), Cllr Jonathan Cook (LB Wandsworth - Deputy), Cllr Tim Mitchell (City of Westminster), and Alex Williams (Transport for London).

**2. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Dean Cohen (LB Barnet), Cllr Alex Sawyer (LB Bexley), Cllr Shama Tatler (LB Brent), Cllr Adam Harrison (LB Camden), Cllr Daniel Anderson (LB Enfield), Cllr Varsha Parmar (LB Harrow), Cllr Keith Burrows (LB Hillingdon), Cllr Claire Holland (LB Lambeth), Cllr Brenda Dacres (LB Lewisham), Cllr Rachel Tripp (LB Newham), Cllr John Howard (LB Redbridge), and Christopher Hayward (City of London).

**3. London Environment Strategy – Talk by Shirley Rodrigues, Deputy Mayor for Environment**  
Shirley Rodrigues, Deputy Mayor for Environment, GLA, made some of the following comments:

- The final Environment Strategy was published on 31 May 2018.
- There was a 5-year implementation plan, which would be a joint effort with the boroughs, along with a number of support programmes.
- Goal was to achieve zero percent carbon emissions.
- Refit programme was being rolled out achieving 15 to 20% of energy savings. The NHS is taking an active part in the programme. £100 million capital investment was being invested. Boroughs were encouraged to be part of the Refit programme.
- Funding of up to £15k was being put into communal energy groups, like solar panels in schools (funding had just been allocated to a school in the borough of Ealing for this).
- A "cleaner heat cashback scheme" was now available to assist with the scrapping of old and inefficient boilers, ("warmer homes"). Approximately 700 applications had been received so far.

- Ultra- Low Emissions Zone (ULEZ) was being rolled out in April 2019. Local Authorities needed to be supported by Government with regards to renewal and vehicle scrappage funds.

Shirley Rodrigues thanked London Councils and officers for all their help with the Environment Strategy.

#### **4. Mayor's Transport Strategy – Talk by Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor for Transport**

Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor for Transport, GLA, made some of the following comments:

- London Councils has an important role in the Transport Strategy.
- It was a challenging time, as London was growing faster whilst funding had decreased. London Councils and the GLA needed to work together to ensure that London got the investment that it needed.
- TfL had been asked to make £600 million worth of savings whilst passenger numbers had gone down.
- A joint solution was needed with the Department for Transport (DfT) and the GLA with regards to Crossrail. There was also a strong need to get Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) revenue back to London.
- Goal to increase walking trips to 80%, from 63%, by 2040. Funding was critical.
- There was a need to reduce the dominance of car usage and to ensure that people started walking and using public transport more. There were 25 new cycle routes. There had also been lots of good work carried out to improve the quality of the streets (Healthy Streets needed good public transport).

*Q and As for agenda items 3 and 4 were taken together.*

The Committee: **(i)** noted that Shirley Rodrigues would take the issue of funding for air quality around schools back to her team, **(ii)** noted that it was important that the burden of the proposed “incineration tax” did not fall on local authorities, **(iii)** noted that a case needed to be made for a review of waste management and the Government/Defra needed to be lobbied on this, **(iv)** agreed that a link on the GLA website giving details on assistance to those needing help with heating their homes in the winter (“Warmer Homes”) would be sent to TEC members, **(v)** noted that boroughs should talk to Alex Williams if they had any major safety concerns regarding the TLRN, **(vi)** suggested that a cross-party lobbying effort should take place with regards to devolving Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) to the boroughs, **(vii)** noted that boroughs would be kept updated with regards to the delivery of new trains on the Gospel Oak to Barking line, **(viii)** noted that the issue of consideration for other passengers on buses would be looked at by TfL, especially with regards to what could be done to encourage this via advertising, **(ix)** noted that Members would let TfL know if any shelters needed to be installed at the proposed new interchanges on bus routes, and **(x)** noted that Members would email Shirley Rodrigues and/or Heidi Alexander with any concerns they had that had not been picked up at the TEC meeting.

#### **5. Highways Asset Management LoTAG State of the City Report, Ian Hawthorne, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham**

The Committee considered a report that provided details of the data collected from the 32 London Boroughs, the City of London and Transport for London (TfL) on the state of London’s highway asset.

Luke Meechan, Director of Metis Consultants, introduced the report. He thanked the London Transport Advisors Group (LoTAG) for all their work. He informed members that every single borough had been approached regarding the state of London’s highway asset, and all, bar one borough, had given their input.

The Committee: **(i)** noted the suggestion that a separate column be put on the table and titled “segregated cycle track”; and **(ii)** noted and discussed the report.

#### **6. Chair's Report**

The Committee received a report that updated members on transport and environment policy since the last TEC meeting on 14 June 2018, and provided a forward look until the next meeting on 6 December 2018.

The Chair said that he had written a letter to Defra and the Chancellor of the Exchequer opposing any proposed incineration tax, and borough support on this would be greatly appreciated.

The Committee: **(i)** noted that members and their officers were encouraged to attend the joint TEC and LEDNet meeting being held on 7 December 2018, and **(ii)** noted the report.

## **7. Dockless Bicycles – Londonwide Byelaw**

*This report was now being considered in the exempt part of the agenda.*

## **8. Go Ultra Low City Scheme (GULCS) Update**

The Committee received a report that described the progress with the Go Ultra Low City Scheme (GULCS) work streams including the installation of charge points in residential areas, at car club bays, Neighbourhoods of the Future (NoF) and rapid charging points. The report also updated members on the TEC Rapids sub-group and subsequent activity to increase the roll-out of rapid charging infrastructure.

The Committee: **(i)** Agreed that all boroughs would find and submit a list of 20 potential sites for rapid charging infrastructure to TfL by the end of January 2019 (as recommended by the TEC Rapid Charging sub-group), and **(ii)** discussed and noted the report.

## **9. Fly-tipping Research Report – Introduced by Keith Townsend, Chair of LEDNet**

The Committee received a report that set out the results of research undertaken by Keep Britain Tidy on behalf of the London Environment Directors' Network (LEDNet) into the behavioural drivers of fly-tipping.

Keith Townsend, Chair of LEDNet, introduced the report, which was carried out in partnership with local authorities and Keep Britain Tidy. He made some of the following comments:

- In 2017 - £18.5 million was spent on removing litter off our streets as a result of fly-tipping.
- A third of fly-tippers did not actually realise they were fly-tipping.
- Discussions had taken place with residents and businesses and an online survey carried out by residents. The key finding was that a large number of people did not understand what fly-tipping was and that it was against the law to dump rubbish on the streets.

The Committee: **(i)** noted that the following boroughs had put their names forward to take part in running a fly-tipping intervention pilot: Bromley, Greenwich, Hackney, Haringey, Redbridge, Sutton, Tower Hamlets, **(ii)** noted that LEDNet would look at bidding for some of the resources from commercial sponsorships, and **(iii)** noted that LEDNet were working with London Councils regarding the issue of boroughs having strengthened enforcement powers for dealing with fly-tipping.

## **10. Environment and Traffic Adjudicators Annual Report**

The Committee received an Annual Report from the Environment and Traffic Adjudicators for the 2017-18 reporting year, presented to TEC on behalf of the Environment and Traffic Adjudicators, by the Chief Adjudicator, Caroline Hamilton.

The Committee: **(i)** agreed to look into comparing the statistics (appeals) in the Annual Report to the number of appeals in the previous year in order make any differences clearer, and **(ii)** noted the adjudicators Annual Report for 2017/18.

## **11. Re-appointment of Environment and Traffic Adjudicators**

The Committee considered a report that proposed the re-appointment of two environment and traffic adjudicators under the terms of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

The Committee: **(i)** agreed that the following adjudicator was appointed for a period of 5 years from 5 December 2018: Neena Rach; and **(ii)** agreed that the following adjudicator was appointed until 30 September 2023: Monica Hillen.

## **12. London Lorry Control Scheme Review Update**

The Committee received a report that provided a progress update to the London Lorry Control Scheme (LLCS) review recommendations, as approved by London Councils' TEC in June 2017. The report

also outlined the ongoing and future plans for the more detailed work required on the longer-term recommendations regarding on street operations.

The Committee: **(i)** noted that Councillor Huntington-Thresher would let Spencer Palmer know of any specific details regarding non-compliance of the London Lorry Control Scheme, and **(ii)** noted the contents of the report, the progress to date and the planned work on the remaining recommendations.

### **13. Taxicard Update**

The Committee received a report that provided members with an update of progress towards the implementation of the new Taxicard supply contract in October 2018.

The Committee: **(i)** agreed that members that had not responded to London Councils' proposals regarding revised subsidy structures for Taxicard were asked to ensure their officers responded by the deadline of 12 October 2018, and **(ii)** noted the contents of the report.

### **14. Freedom Pass Update**

The Committee received a report that provided members with an update on the Freedom Pass mid-term review of passes expiring in 2012 and 2019 renewal exercises. The report also requested authorisation for officers to investigate commercial sponsorship opportunities for the Freedom Pass and Taxicard schemes, and to investigate what could be done to reduce the number of replacement passes.

The Committee: **(i)** noted the progress of the Mid-Term Review of the eligibility of Freedom Passes that expired on 31 March 2021, **(ii)** noted progress on the renewal of Freedom passes that were expiring on 31 March 2019, **(iii)** agreed that officers develop a policy approach to organisations that ask London Councils to publicise their services, and sought commercial sponsorship opportunities for the Freedom Pass and Taxicard schemes, and **(ix)** agreed that officers explored what could be done to minimise the number of lost, damaged and faulty passes.

### **15. Minutes of the TEC Executive Sub Committee held on 13 September 2018 (for noting)**

The minutes of the TEC Executive Sub Committee meeting held on 13 September 2018 were noted.

### **16. Minutes of the TEC Main Meeting held on 14 June 2018 (for agreeing)**

The minutes of the TEC Main Meeting held on 14 June 2018 were agreed as being an accurate record.

**The meeting finished at 16:55pm**

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## Report from the Greater London Provincial Council – 18 October 2018

Item no:

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**Summary:** Summary of the minutes of the Greater London Provincial Council held on 18 October 2018

**Recommendations:** For information.

**1. Attendance: Employers:** Cllr Syed Ghani (Sub) (Barking & Dagenham), Cllr Alison Kelly (Sub) (Camden), Cllr Daniel Anderson (Sub) (Enfield), Cllr Christine Grice (Greenwich), Cllr Carole Williams (Hackney), Cllr Philip Corthorne (Hillingdon), Cllr Malcolm Self (Kingston), Cllr Amanda De Ryk (Lewisham), Mayor John Biggs (Tower Hamlets), Cllr Clyde Loakes (Waltham Forest), Cllr Angela Harvey (Westminster). **Unions:** Helen Reynolds (UNISON), April Ashley (UNISON), Kim Silver (UNISON), Sue Plain (UNISON), Gloria Hanson (UNISON), Maggie Griffin (UNISON), Sean Fox (UNISON), Vaughan West (GMB), Donna Spicer (GMB), Jonathan Coles (GMB), Wendy Whittington (GMB), Peter Murphy (GMB), Gary Cummins (Unite), Danny Hoggan (Unite), Henry Mott (Unite). **Others in attendance:** Steve Davies (Employers' Side Secretary), Debbie Williams (Regional Services Officer), Mehboob Khan (Labour Political Advisor), Jade Appleton (Conservative Political Advisor), Daniel Houghton (Liberal Democrats Political Advisor) and Julie Kelly (UNISON).

**2. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sade Bright (Barking & Dagenham), Cllr Richard Olszewski (Camden), Cllr Nesil Caliskan (Enfield), Cllr Robert Benham (Havering), Cllr Guy Senior (Wandsworth), Simon Steptoe (UNISON), Mary Lancaster (UNISON), Kath Smith (Unite) and Susan Matthews (Unite).

**3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2018-19:** Mayor John Biggs (Tower Hamlets) was elected Chair and Donna Spicer (GMB) was elected as Vice Chair for 2018-19.

**4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 March 2018:** The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2018 were agreed.

**5. Matters Arising:** It was noted that Cllr Carole Williams (Hackney) was in attendance on the 14 March 2018 but was omitted from the minutes.

There were no further matters arising from the minutes of the 14 March 2018.

**6. To Confirm the Membership of the GLPC and Co-Secretaries of the GLPC for 2018-19:** The membership of the GLPC and Co-Secretaries for 2018-19 was noted and agreed as follows.

<b>Borough</b>	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Party</b>
Barking & Dagenham	Sade Bright	Lab
Camden	Richard Olszewski	Lab
Croydon	Simon Hall	Lab
Enfield	Nesil Caliskan	Lab
Greenwich	Christine Grice	Lab
Hackney	Carole Williams	Lab
Havering	Robert Benham	Con
Hounslow	Katherine Dunne	Lab
Hillingdon	Philip Corthorne	Con
Kingston	Malcolm Self	Lib Dem
Lewisham	Amanda De Ryk	Lab
Tower Hamlets	Mayor John Biggs	Lab
Waltham Forest	Clyde Loakes	Lab
Wandsworth	Guy Senior	Con
Westminster	Angela Harvey	Con

**UNISON:** Helen Reynolds, April Ashley, Kim Silver, Sue Plain, Gloria Hanson, Maggie Griffin, Simon Steptoe, Sean Fox, Mary Lancaster, Julie Kelly (in attendance)

**GMB:** Vaughan West, Donna Spicer, Jonathon Coles, Wendy Whittington, Peter Murphy

**UNITE:** Gary Cummins, Danny Hoggan, Kath Smith, Susan Matthews, Jane Gosnell (Reserve)  
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**7. Presentation: LGA Strategy for the Local Government Workforce – Naomi Cooke, Head of Workforce LGA:** Naomi Cooke, Head of Workforce, LGA presented a sneak preview of some of the headlines of the workforce strategy that the LGA will be publishing in the next few weeks.

Naomi's presentation covered:

- Introduction
- Reasons for a new strategy
- Sectors priorities
- National vision for a workforce
- Achieve the visions with focus on five key themes

Naomi stated that she is in constant feedback mode and would be happy to hear any comments/observations from colleagues.

The Chair highlighted issues relevant in London:

- Brexit – impact on our workforce
- Recruitment and Retention
- Housing and Childcare costs
- Workplace and employment practices – making them better for our workforce

Danny Hoggan (Unite) responded that he is not sure what this paper adds to the debate in local government. Unite see it as an external crisis. Would be interested to hear what the reflections are of Tory councils especially with what has been happening in Kensington & Chelsea. Over the last ten years decisions have affected the workforce and numbers of people have left local government.

The issues are:

- Zero-hour contracts and agency workers.
- Number of interim directors in place.
- Crisis in social care which affects the workforce with no training.
- Thousands of employees are working on zero-hour contracts.

The paper is facile. 95% of people think this is the answer? We are falling off the cliff edge so what do we fall on? The problems are not things we are all not aware of.

The Chair responded that this forum is part of the LGA, we all have different political perspectives but personally does not see this so negatively. Positively these things can drill down to the problems.

Sue Plain (UNISON) stated that she does not agree with her colleague's comments about Kensington & Chelsea. There is no representative here today to defend the council and there is a public enquiry going on at present.

We welcome the idea that central government has no idea what local government actually do. We see this time and time again. We are at the point of a crisis and need to see models of bringing services back in-house. A real examination of the cost of procuring services and bringing them back in-house needs to be undertaken.

Gary Cummins (Unite) stated that there is a problem recognising the five themes in the presentation. Leadership over the last 5-10 years has been to reduce services so this is not a vision.

Conflicting as organisational change is not being focussed on people it is about central government funding. Skills development and training has gone.

Recruitment and retention – how is it proper planning to increase the number of agency workers? This is not planning it is a short-term fix.

We would like to see a strong voice from the LGA to central government to fight for reality.

Naomi Cooke responded that the vision is not about describing the current situation it is what we want to get to. It is not what we think we have now.

The Chair stated that the LGA need to reflect on the feedback and thanked Naomi for her presentation.

**8. GLPC London Pay Implementation 2019:** Steve Davies, Regional Employers' Side Joint Secretary outlined the GLPC London Pay Implementation 2019 report and informed colleagues the work is ongoing.

The intel from boroughs so far is they are at the early stages of thinking so nothing definitive so far. Welcome hearing if the unions have had any discussions with officers.

Vaughan West (GMB) reported that as far as he knows there are one or two boroughs which have made a move on this. This matter is pressing as councils are currently setting budgets and they need to get a move on. We encourage all councils to engage with the trade unions.

This is a relatively simple exercise. The guidance is clear, but it needs to be done by the end of January 2019 at the very latest.

We urge authorities to use this as an excuse to discuss a new pay deal. There are some concerns in general about pay awards. Some staff historically employed on NJC contracts now work for contractors. Are contractors paying the 2% increase? Contractors are responding they are aware of the historical contracts but do not have the money to pay the 2%.

Gary Cummins (Unite) stated he would like to publicly praise the work that Lewisham has been doing on this. They are favouring option B rather than A. This has been done on some modelling not on an individual's pay band which may result in option A being the preferred option.



April Ashley (UNISON) reported that Lambeth has had one meeting, another planned for a few weeks. Particularly looking at how this affects schools. Personally, would prefer Option A. Are councils undertaking equality impact assessments?

Sue Plain (UNISON) stated that any review of grey bands will need to be put through our national office for equality proofing on the back of single status. Need to anticipate any bottle necks.

Steve Davies, Employers' Side Joint Secretary confirmed to colleagues that the advice circulated identified the need to do equality impact assessments and to consult and negotiate with the trade unions. This has been raised with our HR colleagues over the last few months.

Boroughs are currently thinking like Vaughan West mentioned that this is pretty straightforward but as mentioned previously no intelligence so far.

The Chair stated that the issue with contractors was challenging where they are saying they are unable to fund any increase.

Cllr Carole Williams (Hackney) informed colleagues that they are proposing to go with option A which should be relatively straightforward.

The Chair encouraged all to keep talking.

**9. Regionalisation of Adoption Services:** The Chair introduced Maggie McGrath, Programme Lead for London Adopt. Maggie informed colleagues:

- Government agenda for regional adoption services.
- Set principles set out by government for regional adoption service for London.
- Ealing, Havering, Southwark and Islington will host the project Boards.
- Four Project Managers with a distinct Project Board.
- Maggie will co-ordinate projects pan-London wide looking at shared issues.
- Currently 28 boroughs involved. Harrow gone with another sector.
- TUPE gone for nationally or secondment if there has been an issue.
- Agreed with Unions to consult on each of the four business cases.
- Consultation period November-January.
- Proposing to go live April 2019.
- Government want all to go live by April 2020.

Sue Plain (UNISON) thanked Maggie for her update and highlighted a number of observations:

- We are no further forward in our understanding.
- This has been going on for three years and the trade unions have not been involved.
- Concerned with TUPE and adoption leave – fostering teams left behind will lose resources if made in to smaller teams.
- How will resources be allocated to the Boards? Where will it get scrutinised?
- What will the local accountability be?
- The hosting boroughs only have four DC's.
- Loss to how this will improve service delivery – will it improve the time to complete the process?
- Want assurances that this is where it stops.
- What migration is in place to prevent social workers leaving the service and other disruptions to their current working – high level agency workers.

Would ask that the GLPC issue joint guidance on:

- Negotiating relocation packages

- Retaining staff.
- Reducing travel for staff.
- Split function and how this is referred.

The Chair agreed and welcomed the points Sue has made.

Sean Fox (UNISON) raised concern that we do not know what is included, will TUPE apply? Services may have commitments in their current working locality. There are issues around job roles, harmonisation etc.

It is unacceptable that this work has gone on in the background. When London Councils are hosting a project or plan the unions need to be informed and included. We are concerned that we are not being.

The Chair responded that he is going to take this matter up with the leadership of London Councils as this needs to be addressed.

Maggie McGrath responded to Sue Plain's observations:

- There should be union representatives on each of the models and urges the unions to engage with us.
- HR work streams have been set up.
- Project managers are happy to set up a meeting and include the unions.
- Will get the Executive to respond as to why the unions have not been invited to the table previously.
- Challenging discussions over the summer regarding budgets.
- Some London boroughs have resourced adoption services better than others.
- Agreement that everyone would put in what their allocated budgets are.
- It has not been easy and budget discussions have taken longer than expected.
- Adoption services quite stable, not as many agency staff as with social workers.
- Allocation of staff – models taking account of an agile workforce. Some staff may be travelling in to base.
- Numbers of staff are quite small so currently mapping out so they are able to work more flexibly in their boroughs.
- Not a signed off model, we have principles which we are happy to share with the trade unions.
- Governance for London – still more to be done to see what the Executive Board will look like going forward.
- Funding formulas will be written.
- Go-live nationally has seen a shift within the plan.
- Benchmark/performance – DfE are saying it is working but it depends who you ask.
- Some guidance that adoptions are quicker due to sharing – think it is too early to tell.
- Government want TUPE but as we know there are risks.
- Would be very surprised if redundancies happen. This is not an efficiency exercise to reduce teams.
- Not picked up anything about privatisation of the service.

The Chair reiterated that he will urgently take up with the Leadership of London Councils to get a clearer picture of the Executive.

**10. London Living Wage (LLW):** The Chair stated that very few staff should be on lower than the LLW. As colleagues are aware Bromley determine their own rates.

Cllr Alison Kelly (Camden) highlighted the following from the report:

“Living Wage Employers are encouraged to send out a communication to everyone they do business with letting them know they have committed to ensure all staff earn a real Living Wage and encourage them to consider doing the same. Accreditation does not require the supply chain to pay the Living Wage, unless they are regularly delivering service on your premises.”

Camden has contractors saying they are not paying the LLW and we need to get this changed. This is against what we all want. Can we as a group who have a little bit of power move things forward?

Sue Plain (UNISON) stated that progress has been made in Home Care due to UNISON's Ethical Care Charter. There is also the Residential Care Charter.

Danny Hoggan (Unite) stated that the issue is around what councils actually know about the provisions. We have asked boroughs if they know to which they all responded no.

Can we get a London-wide audit through your good selves?

We would like to see the summary list of LLW boroughs and those who have been accredited again.

Gary Cummins (Unite) stated that the beast has come back to bite us. We need to have serious conversation about people being paid a serious wage.

Sue Plain (UNISON) informed colleagues that there is an alternative on the market. Some boroughs offer business rate relief to organisations to encourage bottom rate pay.

April Ashley (UNISON) stated that we need to think about bringing services back in-house so we know staff are being paid LLW. Zero-hour contracts need to go.

**11. Any Other Business: Universal Credit – Sean Fox (UNISON)**

Concerned regarding the latest news on the impact of universal credit on the workforce in London. This is causing serious concern for our members. Wandering what the Employers' Side are doing about universal credit.

The Chair responded that this is a late AOB and not aware of London's position as present. Agreed this be an item on the GLEF agenda where a written update be shared with all looking at the good/bad practice issues.

There was no further business.

**12. Date of next meeting: The next meeting would be held on **Thursday 18 October 2018**.**

*Group meetings will take place at 10am and the main meeting at 11.30am (or on the rising of the sides).*

**The meeting was concluded at 12.57pm**

# Young People's Education and Skills Board

<b>Date</b>	8 November 2018	<b>Venue</b>	London Councils
<b>Meeting Chair</b>	Cllr Georgia Gould		
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## **Present**

Cllr Georgia Gould ( <b>Chair</b> )	London Councils Shadow Executive member (Labour)
Gail Tolley ( <b>Vice-Chair</b> )	Association of London Directors of Children's Services
Yolande Burgess	London Councils Young People's Education and Skills
Steven Mitchell	Association of Employment and Learning Providers (for Jane Hickie)
John Prior	Association of Colleges/NATSPEC (for Dr Caroline Allen OBE)
Mary Vine-Morris	AoC London Region
Laraine Smith	AoC/Further Education College representative
Sarah Wilkins	Greater London Authority (for Joanne McCartney)

## **Guests and Observers**

James Lee	Greater London Authority (for Joel Mullan)
Ben Manson	Quality Assurance Administrator, London Councils

## **Speakers**

Steve Preston	MIME Consulting
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## **Officers**

Anna-Maria Volpicelli	London Councils Young People's Education and Skills
Peter O'Brien	London Councils Young People's Education and Skills

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## **1 Welcome, Introductions and apologies**

- 1.1 The Chair invited attendees to introduce themselves and noted apologies for absence.

## **2 Declarations of interest**

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

## **3 Minutes of previous meeting and actions arising**

- 3.1 The notes of the previous meeting were agreed

## **4 Post 16 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Review**

- 4.1 Steve Preston, MIME Consulting, and Yolande Burgess presented the early findings from the London Post 16 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Review, undertaken by MIME Consulting on behalf of the GLA and London Councils Young People's Education and Skills.

### **Actions:**

- YB to discuss with GLA colleagues bringing the launch of the review forward
- YB to speak with James Lee regarding Education, Health and Care Plan identification/categorisation

## **5 Work Plan 2019-2020**

- 5.1 Yolande Burgess presented the Young People's Education and Skills Work Plan for 2019 to 2020 on behalf of the Operational Sub-group.

## **6 Achievements and Progression**

- 6.1 Peter O'Brien talked through a paper which provided a headline summary of London region and borough performance of statistics on achievement at GCSE, GCE, Applied GCE A/AS level and other equivalent qualifications in 2017/18 by the Department for Education on 16 October 2018.

**Action: YB and Joel Mullan/James Lee to report back to the next meeting on increasing Apprenticeship take-up.**

## **7 "Love Our Colleges" Campaign**

- 7.1 Mary Vine-Morris spoke to her paper on the "Love Our Colleges" Campaign. The report sets out the background behind the campaign and explains its ultimate goal is to get government to boost further education (FE) funding based on a 'manifesto'.

**Action: MVM to provide an update on the campaign for circulation to Board members.**

## **8 Updates**

### **Raising the Participation Age**

- 8.1 Peter O'Brien talked to the latest report on Not Engaged in Education Employment or Training (NEET) and Not Known figures.

### **Policy Update**

- 8.2 Yolande covered the policy update outlining the key changes affecting 14 to 19 policy since the last meeting.

### **Actions:**

- YB to speak with London Councils Head of Business and Enterprise, Stephen King, on how the roll out of T Levels in London can best be supported
- London Councils to share the reports identified in the paper with the ASCL Commission

### **London Post-16 Education Trajectories Review**

- 8.3 Yolande gave a verbal update on the progress of the research discussed at the last meeting, which London Councils and GLA have commissioned into the destinations and experiences of young people post-16.

### **London Ambitions**

- 8.4 Yolande provided a verbal update on the London Ambitions programme and invited Sarah Wilkins to update the members on recent developments with the London Ambitions Portal. the Careers and Enterprise Company.

## **9 AOB**

- 9.1 The proposed 2019-2020 schedule of meeting dates was agreed.

# Leaders' Committee

## Report from the TEC Executive Sub Committee – 15 November 2018

Item no:

**Report by:** Alan Edwards      **Job title:** Governance Manager  
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**Summary:** Summary of the minutes of the London Councils' TEC Executive Sub Committee held on 15 November 2018.

**Recommendations:** For information.

**1. Attendance:** Cllr Julian Bell (LB Ealing – Chair), Cllr William Huntington-Thresher (LB Bromley), Cllr Guney Dogan (LB Enfield, Deputy), Cllr Denise Scott-McDonald (RB Greenwich), Cllr Claudia Webbe (LB Islington), Cllr Manuel Abellan (LB Sutton), Cllr Richard Field (LB Wandsworth) and Cllr Tim Mitchell (City of Wandsworth).

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Feryal Demirci (LB Hackney), Cllr Rachel Tripp (LB Newham), and Christopher Hayward (City of London).

**3. Urban Design London (UDL) – Presentation by Sue Vincent (Head of Learning, UDL) and Paul Dodd (Head of Design Advice, UDL)**

Sue Vincent (Head of Learning, UDL) introduced the presentation and made the following comments:

- UDL worked closely with the London Boroughs, especially with regards to borough feedback.
- Copies of the various UDL programmes were available for members to take away from the meeting, including the "Councillor's Companion".
- UDL had recently carried out site visits to the boroughs of Ealing and Enfield.
- UDL members included TfL, Housing Associations, London Boroughs, GLA, London Councils and South East Planning Authorities.
- UDL focussed on issues like the Mayor's London Plan.

Daniel Moylan and Councillor Haselden, Co-Chairs of UDL Board made the following comments:

- Councillors Haselden and Moylan were London Councils' appointments to the UDL Board and were present to report back on UDL work to London Councils.
- UDL was grateful for London Councils continued support. The UDL team had kept the product very fresh.
- The staffing issue regarding the secondment to UDL had now been resolved.
- A longer-term problem existed in that the UDL did not have a formal identity as an organisation, only as a corporation. A review of governance had therefore been carried out, with the results of this expected on Monday 19 November 2018.

Q and As took place.

The TEC Executive Sub Committee: **(i)** agreed that Alan Edwards would send round the UDL draft outline programme with TEC Executive members, and **(ii)** noted that when UDL had undertaken the review on its Governance, an update would be brought back to TEC.

*Agenda item 6 was taken next.*

#### **6. Cycle Action Plan (CAP)**

Andy Simmonds, TfL, introduced the Cycle Action Plan presentation. He sent apologies from Will Norman, the Walking and Cycling Commissioner, TfL, who was due to present to the TEC Executive Sub Committee but was unable to attend. Andy Simmonds made the following comments:

- A modal shift target for 80% of trips in London by walking, cycling or using public transport to be achieved by 2041.
- The growth of cycling had increased greatly and was now the fastest growing mode of transport (730,000 cycle trips were made every day in 2016).
- There was a 54% increase in cycling levels on East West Cycle Super Highway and a 56% increase in cycling levels on Quietway 1 (between 2001 to 2016).
- A large number of trips could be carried out by cycling (especially journeys of 5km and under).
- There was a great deal of cycling potential in inner and outer London.
- The role of the CAP was to set out the 5-year investment programme. The key issue was to have a collaborative approach to delivering actions by TfL, boroughs and other partners.
- More consultation needed to take place with the boroughs.

Q and As took place.

The TEC Executive Sub Committee: **(i)** agreed that detail of the draft Cycle Action Plan would be shared with TEC members, **(ii)** noted safety issues regarding cycle routes to stations vs pedestrians needed to be highlighted. The issue of cycle storage also needed to be mentioned, **(iii)** agreed that the Cycling Action Plan presentation would be distributed to TEC members via email, and **(iv)** agreed to take back to Will Norman the issue of a specific funding pot being made available for the Cycle Action Plan.

#### **4. Draft Consultation Response to TfL's Central London Bus Service Review**

The TEC Executive Sub Committee received a report informing members of the review that TfL was conducting into the Central London Bus Service. London Councils planned on providing a submission on the proposals.

Owain Mortimer introduced the report and made the following comments:

- TfL's changes would affect 33 bus routes in the form of frequency, curtailment, route restructuring and three bus service withdrawals.
- The impact would be negligible on journey times overall.
- The reason for the review of bus services was that bus usage had reduced by 12% overall (data was available on this).
- The key principal behind London Councils' response was to get the evidence behind the proposals to change the bus services.
- There were accessibility issues for vulnerable groups as a result of the increase in interchanges on bus routes.
- There was not a great deal of linkage to the changes to bus services and the Healthy Streets or air quality agendas.

The TEC Executive Sub Committee: **(i)** noted that there was also strong opposition to the cut to the No 53 bus service, as this route affected three boroughs with the poorest neighbourhoods, and **(ii)** agreed that the Chair and vice chairs of TEC would sign off the final consultation response to TfL's Bus Service Review.

## **5. Future Mobility: Recognising and Seizing Opportunities in London**

The TEC Executive Sub Committee considered a report that informed members of the major impact that new technology had on London's transport sector. The report suggested a more active role for London Councils' TEC to drive this policy agenda forward.

Katharina Winbeck, Head of Transport, Environment and Infrastructure, London Councils, said that the issue of "Future Mobility" had been discussed at TEC in December 2017, and had now been reinvigorated by Paulius Mackela, the new Principal Policy and Project Officer at London Councils. She said that TEC was now taking up a more active role on this issue, without the need to set-up new councillor working groups. Katharina Winbeck said that it was now proposed to set-up a Task and Finish Group for each of the separate policy areas. The groups would comprise of officers from boroughs and other relevant stakeholders. The TEC Executive Sub Committee would oversee this process.

The TEC Executive Sub Committee: **(i)** agreed to set up temporary Task and Finish groups, with political oversight through the London Councils TEC Executive Sub Committee meetings, **(ii)** agreed that car-sharing schemes would be the first focus area of the proposed Future Mobility Agenda, and **(iii)** noted that the issue of autonomous buses could be addressed in one of the Task and Finish groups.

## **7. Transport & Mobility Performance Information**

The TEC Executive Sub Committee received and noted a paper that detailed the London Councils' Transport and Mobility Services performance information for Quarter 2 in 2018/19..

## **8. TEC Month 6 Revenue Forecast 2018/19**

The TEC Executive Sub Committee received a paper that outlined actual income and expenditure against the approved budget to the end of September 2018 for TEC and provided a forecast of the outturn position for 2018/19.

The TEC Executive Sub Committee: **(i)** noted the projected surplus of £1,184,000 for the year, plus the forecast net underspend of £1,256,000 for overall Taxicard trips, and **(ii)** noted the projected level of Committee reserves, as detailed in paragraph 5 of the report, and the commentary on the financial position of the Committee included in paragraphs 6-8.

## **9. Draft Revenue Budget & Borough Charges 2019/20**

The TEC Executive Sub Committee considered a report that detailed the outline revenue budget proposals and the proposed indicative borough subscription and charges for 2019/20.

The Executive-Sub Committee was asked to recommend that the main Committee approve at their meeting on 6 December: **(i)** the Parking Core Administration Charge of £1,500 per borough and for TfL (2018/19 - £1,500; paragraph 38), **(ii)** the Parking Enforcement Service Charge of £0.3760 per PCN which would be distributed to boroughs and TfL in accordance with PCNs issued in 2017/18 (2018/19 - £0.4226 per PCN; paragraphs 36-37), **(iii)** no charge to boroughs in respect of the Freedom Pass Administration Charge, which was covered by replacement Freedom Pass income (2018/19 – nil charge; paragraph 15), **(iv)** the Taxicard Administration Charge to boroughs of £338,182 in total (2018/19 - £338,182; paragraphs 17-18), **(v)** no charge to boroughs in respect of the Lorry Control Administration Charge, which was fully covered by estimated PCN income (2018/19 – nil charge; paragraphs 19-20), **(vi)** Environment and Traffic Adjudicators (ETA) – charge of £28.75 per appeal, or £25.08 per appeal where electronic evidence was provided by the enforcing authority (2018/19 - £30.63/£27.02 per appeal) For hearing Statutory Declarations, a charge of £23.23 for hard copy submissions and £22.50 for electronic submissions (2018/19 - £25.21/£24.49 per SD) (paragraphs 26-27), **(vii)** Road User Charging Adjudicators (RUCA) – to be recovered on a full cost recovery basis under the new contract arrangements with the GLA (paragraph 28), **(viii)** a unit charge of £12 for the replacement of a lost or damaged Freedom Pass (2018/19 - £12; paragraph 10), **(ix)** the TRACE (Electronic) Charge of £7.53 per transaction (2018/19 - £7.53; paragraphs 29-35), **(x)** the TRACE (Fax/Email) Charge of £7.70 per transaction, which was levied in addition to the electronic charge of £7.53 per transaction, making a total of £15.23 (2018/19 - £15.23; paragraphs 29-35), **(xi)** the TEC Charge of £0.175 per transaction (2018/19 - £0.175; paragraphs 29-35), **(xii)** the provisional gross revenue expenditure of £368.828 million for 2019/20, as detailed in Appendix A, and **(xiii)** on the basis of the agreement of all the above proposed charges as outlined in this report, the provisional gross revenue income budget of £368.641 million for



2019/20, with a recommended transfer of £187,000 from uncommitted Committee reserves to produce a balanced budget, as shown in Appendix B.

Agreed that a sum of £410,000 be transferred from the general reserve to the specific reserve, and recommend that the Main Committee approved the transfer in December 2018 (as set out in paragraph 58 of the report)

The Executive-Sub Committee was also asked to note the indicative total charges to individual boroughs for 2019/20, dependent upon volumes generated through the various parking systems, as set out in Appendix C1.

**10. Minutes of the TEC Executive Sub Committee held on 13 September 2018**

The minutes of TEC Executive Sub Committee held on 13 September 2018 were agreed as an accurate record.

**11. Minutes of the TEC Main Meeting held on 11 October 2018**

The minutes of the TEC Main meeting held on 11 October were noted.

The meeting finished at 12:02pm

# Leaders' Committee

## Report from the Grants Committee – 21 Item no: November 2018

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**Summary:** Summary of the minutes of the London Councils' Grants Committee held on 21 November 2018.

**Recommendations:** For information.

**1. Attendance:** Cllr Saima Ashraf (LB Barking and Dagenham), Cllr John Hart (dep - LB Barnet), Cllr David Leaf (LB Bexley), Cllr Margaret McLennan (LB Brent), Cllr Jonathan Simpson (LB Camden), Alderman Dhruv Patel (City of London), Cllr Philip Glanville (Chair – LB Hackney), Cllr Patrick Perryman (dep - LB Haringey), Cllr Sue Anderson (LB Harrow), Cllr Viddy Persaud (LB Havering), Cllr Gerard Hargreaves (RB Kensington and Chelsea), Cllr Sam Foulder-Hughes (RB Kingston upon Thames), Cllr Andy Wilson (LB Lambeth), Cllr Jonathan Slater (LB Lewisham), Cllr Edith Macauley (LB Merton), Cllr Helen Coomb (LB Redbridge), Cllr Gareth Roberts (LB Richmond), Cllr Marian James (LB Sutton), Cllr Paul Ellis (LB Wandsworth) and Cllr David Harvey (City of Westminster).

**Cllr Foulder-Hughes has replaced Cllr Jon Tolley as the RB Kingston representative.**

### **2. Apologies for Absence and declarations of interest:**

2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Richard Cornelius (LB Barnet), Cllr Colin Smith (LB Bromley), Alderman Alison Gowman (City of London), Cllr Miranda Williams (RB Greenwich), Cllr Ben Coleman (LB Hammersmith and Fulham), Cllr Mark Blake (LB Haringey), Cllr Charlene McLean (LB Newham), Cllr Candida Ronald (LB Tower Hamlets) and Cllr Louise Mitchell (LB Waltham Forest).

2.2 Cllr Helen Coomb (LB Redbridge) declared that her sister was a trustee of Redbridge CVS.

### **3. Minutes of the Grants Committee AGM held on 11 July 2018**

3.1 The minutes of the Grants Committee AGM held on 11 July 2018 were agreed. The Chair drew members' attention to the fact that subsequent to the AGM, political proportionality was applied when forming the Grants Committee Executive which resulted in the following configuration: 10 members - 5 Labour, 3 Conservative, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 City of London.

### **4. Performance of Grants Programme 2017-21, April 2017 – September 2018 (quarters one to six)**

4.1 Yolande Burgess, Strategy Director, London Councils, introduced this paper and said that programmes under Priority 1 and Priority 2 were performing well and were rated green on the RAG rating system. LB Southwark's housing solutions service was the first local authority housing service in the country to achieve accreditation for good practice and commitment to recognising and responding to

domestic abuse. Co-located work undertaken by Shelter was also noted and will be showcased at a future Grants Committee.

4.2 However, Priority 3 programmes remained a challenge. The Citizens Trust had withdrawn from delivery (immediately prior to the Grants Committee AGM) due to issues with meeting delivery targets. London Councils has been liaising with other Priority 3 partners to ensure coverage to boroughs affected and have now come to an agreement with Paddington Development Trust, who will cover all the boroughs except LB Richmond. London Councils will seek a suitable partner to cover LB Richmond. Ms Burgess said she was confident that this would could be achieved.

4.3 The Grants team at London Councils had undertaken a mid-programme review in October 2018 and found the programmes overarching aims and objectives remained fit for purpose. The team will continue to liaise with Priority 1 partners and policy colleagues at London Councils to assess the impact the Homelessness Reduction Act may have on commissions.

## **5. Priority 3: Tackling poverty through employment - partner perspective**

5.1 Ross Diamond and Harjit Sangha from Redbridge CVS talked about the successes and challenges of delivering a Priority 3 project. Redbridge CVS delivers two commissions for Priority 3 – Outreach East and Aim Higher. These provide support to long-term unemployed and economically inactive people who may have mental health conditions, substance misuse problems, and other barriers to employment. Both projects aim to help people back into employment through improving their confidence, skills, employability and health. Participants are offered personalised advice, access to work experience, CV building, interview skills, money management advice, and other forms of support.

## **6. Month 6 Revenue Forecast 2018/19**

6.1 Frank Smith, Director of Corporate Resources, London Councils, introduced this report which outlines actual income and expenditure against the approved budgets for 2018/19 to the end of September 2018 and provides a forecast of the outturn position for 2018/19.

6.2 Mr Smith said that currently a surplus of £110,000 is forecast over the approved budget and that projected total reserves of £892,000 are forecast at the year end, of which £259,000 relates to residual borough contributions towards the funding of the ESF commissions collected over the past three financial years. He added that from this financial year, boroughs are no longer contributing to the ESF programme, and that payments to providers are scheduled to end in June 2019.

## **7. London Councils Grants Scheme - Budget Proposals 2019/20**

7.1 Mr Smith introduced this report, which outlines the proposed budget for the Grants scheme for 2019/20. He added that should this budget meet with approval, it will then go to December's Leaders' Committee for ratification, and then the City of London for final approval as the designated council for the Scheme.

7.4 Members agreed the budget proposals for 2019/20 (subject to the agreement of London Councils Leaders' Committee on 4 December 2018).

## **8. Grants Committee Proposed Meeting Dates for 2019/2020**

8.1 Grants Committee noted the proposed meeting dates for 2019/20. Cllr Roberts asked that the September 2019 and September 2020 Grants Executive dates be changed as they clash with the Liberal Democrat annual conference. London Councils officers said that alternative September dates would be forwarded to members shortly.

**The meeting finished at 12.20**

# Leaders' Committee

## Report from the Capital Ambition Board Item no: – 12 December 2018

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**Summary:** Summary of the minutes of the Capital Ambition Board held on 12 December 2019

**Recommendations:** For information.

1. **Attendance:** *Members:* Cllr Steve Curran (Chair - LB Hounslow), Cllr Stephen Alambritis (LB Merton), Cllr Victoria Mills (LB Southwark), Cllr David Simmonds OBE (LB Hillingdon), Kevin Davis (RB Kingston upon Thames); *London Councils:* Frank Smith, Guy Ware Thomas Man, Thomas Nisbeth, Eliza Ackland, Ana Gradiska; *EY:* Victoria Evans, Chess Dennis; *Oxygen Finance:* Andrew Drinkwater.
2. **Apologies for Absence and declarations of interest:** Andrew Blake Herbert (Chief Executive, LB Havering), John Hooton (Chief Executive, LB Barnet), Sarah Ireland (Director, Corporate and Commercial, RB Kingston upon Thames) and Paul Najsarek (Chief Executive, LB Ealing) sent their apologies for absence. There were no interests declared.

Anton Nisbeth, the new Capital Ambition Programme Manager, introduced himself and was welcomed by members.

### 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2018

- 3.1 The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 22 October 2018.

### 4. London Ventures presentation – Oxygen Finance

- 4.1 Andrew Drinkwater, Oxygen Finance Sales Director, outlined the main features of his programme, which offers a peer to peer early repayment solution created initially for local authorities and their supply chain. It accelerates payments to SMEs from LAs for a reduction in the amount that is invoiced.
- 4.2 EY added that London Ventures takes a proportion of the income generated by Oxygen Finance in addition to minimum working capital payments, which go into the sustainability fund.
- 4.3 The Head of Capital Ambition, Thomas Man, said that Fiscal Technologies, the other London Ventures partner who was due to present, had sent apologies, and would attend a future meeting.

### 5. Director's Report and London Ventures (LV) progress update

- 5.1 The Head of Capital Ambition, introduced this report, which provides a summary of activity funded by the Capital Ambition Board since October 2018. He drew members' attention to the current financial position (outlined in paragraphs 1-4 and Appendix A) including the potential unallocated balance of £173,418 at 31 March 2020. He added that the income received from LV partners was contained within the sustainability fund, and could, subject to the approval of the board, be used to support continuation of the programme beyond the funded period of August 2019.
- 5.2 Mr Man also updated the meeting on the behavioural insights projects, which includes improving decision making in children's social care, improving communications on prevention and early health, and improving immunisation rates of MMR. In relation to the Health and Social care work supported by CAB, among the many activities supported by CAB's grant funding was the Health and Care Conference, hosted by London Partners and attended by the Mayor of London, took place on 25 October 2018.
- 5.3 A general update on general ventures activity was provided to the Board with a number of meetings having taken place since October 2018.
- 5.4 Members were also updated on the progress of Targeted Ventures Cycle 1, for the homelessness, temporary accommodation and housing solutions.
- PLACE: the contract for the design and manufacture of the modular units was due to be awarded in January 2019;
  - Property Listing platform: the PLP contract which provides the IT platform was due to be awarded by the end of January 2019;
  - Transition insurance: a bid has been submitted to MHCLG to roll out the scheme in London and other metropolitan cities;
  - Predictive analytics - awaiting governance decisions with the host borough.
- 5.4 Mr Man reminded members that they were all invited to the next Dragon's Den meeting on 18 January 2019. The Chair encouraged members to attend if they were available.
- 5.5 EY said that 40 organisations had approached them since March 2018 to be part of the London Ventures programme. In addition, four implementations had taken place since the last Capital Ambition Board. Fiscal Technologies had started operating in Newham, LB Havering and LB Tower Hamlets, and that the Cornerstone Partnership had started operating in West Sussex.
- 5.6 The report was noted.

## **6. Any Other Business**

- 6.1 There was no other business.

**Members resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the exempt part of the meeting.**

The meeting finished at 11.30

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive**

**Tuesday 15 January 2019 9:30 am**

**Cllr Peter John OBE was in the chair**

### **Present**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cllr Peter John OBE	Chair
Cllr Lib Peck	Deputy Chair
Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE	Vice chair
Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE	Vice chair
Ms Catherine McGuinness	Vice chair
Cllr Ray Puddifoot MBE	
Cllr Julian Bell	
Cllr Clare Coghill	
Cllr Georgia Gould	
Cllr Darren Rodwell	
Cllr Muhammed Butt	
Cllr Ravi Govindia	Substituting for Cllr Nickie Aiken

London Councils officers and Ms Laura Citron, Chief Executive Officer of London and Partners were in attendance.

### **1. Apologies for absence and announcement of deputies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Nickie Aiken for whom Cllr Ravi Govindia was deputising.

### **2. Declaration of interest**

Ms Catherine McGuinness declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item 4 *London and Partners* as a member of its board.

### **3. Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 13 November 2018**

The minutes of the Executive meeting held on always 13 November 2018 were agreed.

### **4. London & Partners**

The Chair asked Ms Catherine McGuinness to introduce Ms Laura Citron, Chief Executive Officer of London and Partners. Ms McGuinness did as follows:

- London and Partners was the Mayor of London's promotional agency
- It was a public/private partnership
- Its aim was to promote and sell London, attracting and retaining as much business as possible

Ms McGuinness then invited Ms Citron to address the Executive. She did as follows:

- The purpose of London and Partners was to promote London internationally as a city in which to invest, work, study and visit
- It is a not-for profit public private partnership founded in 2011 with half its funds coming from the Mayor of London and the remainder from commercial ventures and European and national funds
- Her aim in addressing London Councils Executive was to seek ways of working with boroughs both more and better
- London and Partners main areas of work were:
  - Trade and growth
  - Inward investment
  - Major events
  - Business tourism
  - Higher education and talent and
  - Leisure tourism
- It only measured its success through value it generated additional to whatever would have accrued without it
- On that measure it had added £1.5bn to London's economy
- It was nine months into a three-year strategy (2018 – 2021) that would focus on:

- *Where?* Core markets: North America, India, China, France and Germany
  - *What?* The sectors where London was strongest and would benefit the most
    - Financial and business services and tech
    - Innovation and life sciences
    - Creative
    - Urban and
    - Tourism
  - *When?* Reaching people earlier in their decision-making
  - *Who?* Younger first-time visitors who would bring lifetime value and businesses who would generate good growth for London
  - *How?* Working in partnership
  - *Keep?* retain businesses and talent affected by Brexit.
- Working with boroughs
    - A relationship manager was assigned to each borough
    - Representing London on world stage at events like MIPIM
    - The Mayor's International Business Programme worked with businesses of a certain size but were growing rapidly
    - Tourism hubs had been developed with boroughs (for example Greenwich)
- Responding to Brexit
    - The business.London website was established in 2018 targeting businesses and skilled individuals in key sectors
    - Much investment in London used to come by default but now more decision-making was involved
    - The biggest danger from Brexit did not come from changes to regulations but in its impact on talent – for example, on issues such as visas. London and Partners had launched a talent tool-kit, as a resource
    - A network of friends of London around the world was being developed that could resonate best with a global audience.



The Chair opened up the discussion to the Executive and the following points were made by Ms Citron in response to questions:

- International tourism continues to grow. However, domestic tourism is down, in particular day-trippers and two-hour visitors. The reason for this is not clear but it has had an effect, for example on TfL revenues and on cultural venues
- Surveys show London benefits enormously from its diversity in its attractiveness to visitors from around the world
- London and Partners could play an important role in ensuring a coherent presentation of London at events such as MIPIM
- London is restricted to EXCEL as a large convention centre (Crossrail will make a big difference to EXCEL's accessibility). It does have the QEII centre and many smaller venues but it cannot compete with other world cities in numbers of large convention centres
- London's reputation as a safe city can be tracked by analyzing social media and there does not appear to have been any serious fall-out from last year's terrorist attacks. London's safety was best promoted by the sorts of images that the city sees on a daily basis
- London and Partners has a relationship with the London Chamber of Commerce but not local chambers
- London and Partners is probably not the best partner to work with on direct recruitment of, for example social workers. Other agencies have greater experience in that area
- London and Partners does not take policy positions on issues such as infrastructure projects while welcoming their effect on London's standing.

The Chair thanked Ms Citron for her presentation and looked forward to close working between London Councils, boroughs and London and Partners.

## **5. Exiting the EU – update on local engagement**

The Chief Executive introduced the report saying that work fell into three main categories:

- **Resilience Contingency Planning** Local authority input into contingency planning was being co-ordinated through the Local Authorities' Panel (LAP), chaired by John Barradell, Chief Executive of the City of London. This initiative was operating under the auspices of the statutory London Resilience Forum and working through the Forum's Brexit Contingency Planning Group.
- **London Councils work:**
  - Lobbying on particular policy issues, e.g. the proposition for a £30,000 salary threshold for EEA skilled workers proposition
  - Capturing borough issues of concern, e.g. settled status application payments
  - Working with professional networks to identify areas of risk in the short and medium term, assessing potential financial impacts and establishing some common communications lines.
- **Liaison with MHCLG** on sharing messages and updates. The Member for Business, Europe and Good Growth (Cllr Clare Coghill) and the Chair sit on the MHCLG Ministerial Brexit & Local Government Delivery Board.

In the discussion the following points were brought out:

- In the case of a no-deal Brexit there would be an issue of Food Trading Standards officers being required to check food imports from Europe whose arrival point was in London
- Cllr Lib Peck and Cllr Ruth Dombey had been part of an LGA delegation that had met with the local government minister to call for money to be set aside to cover the cost of Brexit to local authorities
- Council officers had made clear that putting precise figures on the cost of Brexit preparations in boroughs so far was difficult but at the same time the Secretary of State, James Brokenshire had made equally clear that he was looking for evidence
- Cllr Nicki Aiken could make a useful contribution in conversations with ministers on this topic

The Executive agreed to note the report.

## **6. Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children**

The Chair introduced the item saying Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) had been an issue for some years now. He had met with the prominent campaigner, Lord Alf Dubs, and wanted to gauge whether a London Councils' position in respect of the campaign, *Our Turn*, supported by the refugee charity, *Safe Passage*, was desirable and/or feasible. The *Our Turn* campaign was calling for the establishment of a new 'Children at Risk' resettlement scheme to bring 10,000 child refugees to the UK over the 10 years. It would build on the current Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme.

Cllr Muhammed Butt introduced the report saying that the principles behind London Councils approach included:

- Future financial support must fully fund the costs of caring for all UASC
- That there must be a single, consistent national response which was equitable, proportionate and ensured no council remained above its 0.07% threshold
- That there should not be pressure for a disproportionate number of placements on London and the South East as a result of the *Our Turn* campaign
- That the Home Office should engage with London boroughs to reform the current processing arrangements in the Capital in order to ensure the more efficient assessment and transfer of UASC
- Lord Dubs could be asked to initiate a debate in the House of Lords requiring a minister to respond.

Cllr Ray Puddifoot said that as Heathrow Airport was in his borough, this had been a particular pressure locally.

Cllr Clare Coghill pointed out that the vast majority of UASC were boys, there was a huge gender imbalance and Cllr Georgia Gould that there was now a further cost for 18-25 year-old care leavers.

Cllr Darren Rodwell argued that the cost of asylum-seeking placements in his borough had become unsustainable.

Cllr Govindia spoke of the scale of the challenge being taken on. If the campaign wanted a ten-year commitment to be made to what, were often, very disturbed children, that needed a ten-year funding commitment. The case of the Kindertransport in the 1930s was often put forward, but it should be remembered that that was not a government initiative but came from faith groups and the community and the involvement of those was needed again now.

Cllr Teresa O'Neill argued that more should be done on the 'cliff-edge' cost pressures to local authorities and establishing clearly the fact that London did more than its fair share.

The Chair concluded by saying that more time was needed to prepare a report to Leaders' Committee – which the Executive agreed - and that Leaders' Committee will receive a report later in the year.

The Executive agreed to note the report.

## **7. Local Government Finance – verbal update**

The Director of Finance, Performance and Procurement provided the verbal update:

- The Business Rates Pilot extension had been agreed, albeit at 75%
- The promised additional resources as part of the settlement was welcomed but were not enough and if they had been distributed according to established needs formulae £130m more would have gone to urban areas.
- The additional £250m for SEND was again welcomed but regrettably it was not going to be distributed according to the established High Needs formula
- The consultation on Fair Funding had not yet closed
- The distribution proposed that there be no separate deprivation factor in the Foundation formula
- The Spending Review lobbying campaign had been launched at the Summit
- Core Cities, Key Cities and the All Party Parliamentary Group were being liaised with

- The approach to the consultation response on Fair Funding to be tabled at Leaders' Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

The Executive agreed to note the briefing

The meeting ended at 11:00am.

### **Action points**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report to come to a future Leaders' Committee, but not that on 5<sup>th</sup> February</li> </ul>	<b>PAPA Children's Services</b>	Will be reported to March Leaders