Meeting of the Capital Ambition Board

**Wednesday 13 February 2019, 10:30**

**London Councils, Conference Suite, 59½ Southwark Street, London SE1 0AL**

**Members Local Authority**

Cllr Steve Curran (Chair) LB Hounslow

Cllr Stephen Alambritis LB Merton

Cllr Kevin Davis RB Kingston upon Thames

Cllr Victoria Mills LB Southwark

Cllr David Simmonds OBE LB Hillingdon

**Advisors**

John Hooton Chief Executive, LB Barnet

Sarah Ireland Director, Corporate and Commercial, RB Kingston upon Thames

**London Councils Role**

Frank Smith Director of Corporate Resources

Guy Ware Director of Local Government Performance and Finance

Thomas Man Head of Capital Ambition

Anton Nisbeth Capital Ambition Programme Manager

**Board Secretariat**

Ana Gradiska Principal Governance and Projects Officer

**EY**

Victoria Evans Senior Manager, Local Public Services

Chess Dennis Manager, Local Public Services

1. **Declarations of Interest**

1.1 There were no declarations of interest.

1. **Apologies for absence** 
   1. Apologies were received from Andrew Blake-Herbert (Chief Executive, LB Havering) and Paul Najsarek (Chief Executive, LB Ealing).

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2018**

* 1. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 12 December 2018.

1. **Capital Ambition – Director’s Report and London Ventures Progress Report**

4.1 Thomas Man, Head of Capital Ambition, introduced this report, which provided a summary of Capital Ambition funded activities since December 2018. He stated that there had been in an increase in the unallocated balance as a result of an underspend on the operational budget for 2018/19, the current London Ventures income was approximately £90,000 and that recent invoicing meant that additional income was expected prior to the next Board meeting

4.2 Mr Man then gave an update on the three Capital Ambition Board funded Behavioural Insights projects which were improving decision making in children’s social care, improving communications in the area of prevention and early help, and increasing MMR immunisation rates.

4.3 He said that, in terms of London Venture activities there was a very successful Dragon’s Den session that provided an opportunity for CAB members and advisors to review and shortlist the concepts being developed through the children and families targeted ventures process. This was followed by a challenge panel session involving public sector representatives, charities and investors/innovators, where the shortlisted ideas were discussed and refined. The targeted ventures young persons’ challenge panel gave an opportunity for a group of 16-18-year-olds to consider and provide feedback on the long list of ideas developed through the children and families work.

# 4.3 Mr Man said that the terms of the addendum to vary the data protection clause set out in the main consultancy contract with EY for London Ventures to take into account GDPR, and the new Data Protection Act 2018, were due to be imminently agreed between London Councils and EY in consultation with London Councils’ Legal Advisors.

# 4.4 Mr Man also updated members on the Homelessness, Temporary accommodation and Housing cycle of targeted ventures:

# Property listing platform (Capital Letters): London Ventures contributed to developing the IT specification for this project, and the award of the IT contract is due by the end of February with a formal launch of Capital Letters in March 2019.

# PLACE: the award of the contract for the design and manufacture of the modular units will be announced by March 2019. Several potential sites have been identified.

# The Chair requested that an update on the sites be provided at the next meeting in May 2019.

# 4.5 EY said that over a third of boroughs were now engaged with the children and families targeted ventures work, and that six outline business cases will be brought to the Capital Ambition Board for approval at the May meeting.

# 4.6 Members said that they were aware that the boroughs which had already invested a considerable amount of time and money into recruiting foster carers or providing temporary accommodation, might have some reservations about signing up to those targeted ventures.

**5. London Ventures commercial deals approval using the delegation of functions procedure**

5.1 Mr Man introduced this report, which asks members to approve the delegation of the approval of commercial deals which are currently being negotiated to the Director of Local Government Performance and Finance, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Capital Ambition Board. This was because the next commercial deal cycle is due to start in April 2019, which was in between CAB meeting dates, and the delegation of powers would allow potential new commercial deal arrangements to be in place for the start of the 2019/20 financial year.

5.2 Members asked that the process be slightly amended so that all CAB members were consulted as part of the process who could set out any concerns or challenges regarding the commercial deals.

5.3 EY said that currently there were 16 partners in portfolio and that commercial negotiations were taking place with 10 of those partners. They added that although deals were based on 17-month long relationships (finishing in August 2020), the contracts have break clauses built in, in case the programme was terminated early.

**6.        Any Other Business**

6.1 The Chair announced that Chess Dennis (Manager, Local Public Services, EY) would shortly be going on maternity leave. Members thanked Ms Dennis for all her work on London Ventures.

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

The meeting finished at 11.00