

Leaders' Committee

Minutes and Summaries

Item no: 8

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Summary Summaries of the minutes of London Councils

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

- TEC – 24th March 2022
- Executive – 21 June 2022
- YPES – 23 June 2022

Leaders' Committee

Report from the Transport & Environment Committee – 24 March 2022 (Virtual & Informal)

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Summary: Summary of the minutes of the virtual London Councils' Transport & Environment Committee held on 24 March 2022

Recommendations: For information.

Attendance: Cllr Syed Ghani (LB Barking & Dagenham), Cllr Peter Zinkin (LB Barnet), Cllr Peter Craske (LB Bexley), Cllr Krupa Sheth (LB Brent), Cllr William Huntington-Thresher (LB Bromley), Cllr Deidre Costigan (LB Ealing), Cllr Ian Barnes (LB Enfield), Mayor Philip Glanville (LB Hackney, Chair), Cllr Wesley Harcourt (LB Hammersmith & Fulham), Cllr Varsha Parmar (LB Harrow), Cllr John Riley (LB Hillingdon), Cllr Rowena Champion (LB Islington), Cllr John Sweeney (RB Kingston-upon-Thames), Cllr Claire Holland (LB Lambeth), Cllr Sophie McGeevor (LB Lewisham), Cllr Martin Whelton (LB Merton), Cllr James Asser (LB Newham), Cllr Jo Blackman (LB Redbridge), Cllr Alex Ehmann (LB Richmond), Cllr Catherine Rose (LB Southwark), Cllr Jill Whitehead (LB Sutton), Cllr Clyde Loakes (LB Waltham Forest), Alex Williams (Transport for London), and Cllr Julian Bell (LB Newham - TEC Member on TfL Board).

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Muhammad Ali (LB Croydon), Cllr Mike Hakata (LB Haringey), Cllr Sarah McDermott (LB Wandsworth), Cllr James Spencer (City of Westminster) and Alastair Moss (City of London Corporation)

2. Declarations of Interest (in addition to those supplied on the sheet)

Freedom Pass

Cllr Jill Whitehead (LB Sutton)

It was noted that Cllr Jill Whitehead (LB Sutton) needed to be removed from the following Declarations of Interest:

South London Waste Partnership

Trustee Wandle Valley Park Regional Authority

The Chair confirmed that the TEC finance reports had been moved up to the front of the agenda in order for them to be given more time to consider.

3. Re-Appointment of Environment & Traffic Adjudicator

The Committee received a report that proposed the re-appointment of one environment and traffic adjudicator under the terms of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

The Committee noted that the following adjudicators were due to be re-appointed for a period of 5 years from 19th April 2022:

Alderson, Philippa
Fantinic, Cordelia
Harris, Richard
Iqbal, Samina
Patel, Dharmesh
Udom, Ini
Walsh, Jack

The above re-appointments would be confirmed by the TEC Urgency Procedure following the meeting.

4. Vision Zero – Presentation by Lilli Matson, Transport for London

Lilli Matson, Chief Safety, Health & Environment Officer, TfL, introduced the item and said that she would talk about Vision Zero and an overview of London. Siwan Hayward, Director of Compliance, Policing, Operations and Security, TfL, was also present. The following comments were made by Lilli Matson and Siwan Hayward:

- The launch of Vision Zero was crucial in addressing the deaths and injuries on our roads. Progress on carrying this forward was being made.
- Enforcement was a key strand to the delivery of safer roads.
- There were positive issues to draw out. In 2021, the lowest number of deaths on roads in London were recorded, although there were less vehicles on the roads due to lockdown.
- There was also a reduction in the number of people being killed on motorcycles, along with a reduction in serious injuries.
- London was seeing an increase in deaths and serious injuries on roads as people began returning to normal life after the pandemic.
- The Direct Vision Standard (DVS) was being implemented, the roll-out of more cycle routes and the Bus Safety Programme, along with a number of schemes through Healthy Streets.
- There was a need to focus more and look at what more could be done moving forward, and to re-invest more.
- There was a range of different actions to tackle speeding, including 20mph speed limits, especially around areas like schools and junctions.
- Mobile safety cameras were now fully functional and could be deployed in areas that boroughs requested. 4,300 drivers had been caught speeding and the cameras were proving to be an effective tool against speeding.

A “Q and A” session took place. Councillor Zinkin felt that the objectives set out in Vision Zero would simply not happen if there were not adequate resources. He said that the boroughs needed reassurances that TfL would lobby for these resources in order for boroughs to implement these schemes. Councillor Zinkin said that the boroughs had not been consulted or knew anything about the use of PCSOs and speed enforcement cameras, prior to this presentation

The Committee noted the report and noted that TEC would contact TfL about the issues mentioned and borough involvement in the camera speeding enforcement trials.

5. Discussion with Seb Dance, Deputy Mayor for Transport, GLA

This discussion was postponed. It was noted that Andy Byfield, the Transport Commissioner, would be invited to attend the TEC AGM meeting on 9 June 2022.

6. Chair's Report

The Committee received and noted a report that updated Members on transport and environment policy activity since the last TEC meeting on 09 December 2021.

7. Surface Water Flood Risk Maintenance

The Committee considered a report that provided a summary of the work undertaken in London following the flooding events that happened in July 2021. It described the work of the Surface Water Flooding task and finish group and the set of recommendations presented to and supported by TEC Executive in

February 2022 that created a pathway towards the development of a long-term strategic plan for surface water flood risk management in London.

Simon Gilby, Principal Policy & Projects Officer, London Councils, introduced the report, which gave a summary of the work that had been carried out following the flooding event that had taken place in July 2021. Simon Gilby made the following comments:

- A long-term strategic plan was being looked at into the flood risk in London.
- Surface water flooding was the hardest to manage in London. A lot of the problem could be put down to London's old Victorian drainage system that had not been replaced.
- Extensive flooding had occurred in London in July 2021, especially in the east and north of London. Properties had become flooded as a result of this. Approximately 76mm and above of rain had fallen in 90 minutes.
- The Mayor of London had led a round table to discuss these problems (the round table consisted of a multi-agent flood group, including the EA, Thames Regional Flood & Coastal Committee – Thames RFCC, Thames Water and TfL). Also, a task and finish group had been established to look into the issues that caused the flooding. A progress report by the GMA and London Resilience Partnership had also been produced.
- The task and finish group had set out to develop the recommendations and was co-chaired by Mayor Glanville. The group had identified the absence of a strategic plan and had recommended the implementation of a strategic plan to deal with this flooding.
- Officers would present their initial findings after the local elections in May 2022.

The Chair thanked Councillor Zinkin for his contribution to this work and had acted as the deputy co-chair of the group, along with his experience he had brought by being a Member of the Thames RFCC. He said that Thames Water had a number of high-level representatives on the group, who Katharina Winbeck (Strategic Lead – Transport & Environment) and himself had met. He said that he had urged Thames Water to come back to a future meeting of TEC and discuss any issues that the boroughs might have.

Councillor Zinkin said that flooding was a major issue for London and there was now a need to talk to colleagues in other places and share information about flooding. He said that it was important that these discussions took place. The Chair thanked Simon Gilby for the informative update on surface water flooding maintenance.

The Committee: **(i)** noted that a funding request had not been made at the moment but was likely at a later date once there was a clearer understanding of costs, **(ii)** noted that discussions would take place with Thames Water officers to raise any issues the boroughs had with the organisation, **(iii)** noted that a Strategic Group would be set-up in Autumn 2022. Noted that officers would present their initial findings after the local elections were held in May 2022, and **(iv)** noted that the issue of having no borough planners on the Strategic Group would be looked into.

8. Climate Programme Action Plans

The Committee received a report that provided a summary of the action plans of the seven climate programmes. All published action plans were provided as links in Appendix 1.

The Chair informed Members that seven joint-led climate action programmes had been made prior to the local elections taking place. Zak Bond, Principal Policy and Support Officer, London Councils, said that six out of the seven programmes had now completed their action plans, and a great deal of work that needed doing had come out of this (a press release on this had been published earlier today). The report summarised the focus of each of the action plans and a number of common themes, like advocacy, had been realised.

The Committee noted the report and thanked borough officers and all those involved in the production of the action plans for their work

9. Transport Funding Sub Group Update

The Committee received a report that provided an update on the activities of the London Councils' Transport Funding sub-group.

The Chair said that a great deal of detailed lobbying had been carried out by the Transport Funding sub group. Councillor Holland, Chair of the sub group, informed Members that the focus had been divided into the short, medium and long-term. She said that a number of letters had been written to Baroness Vere and Seb Dance, the Deputy Chair for Transport. Councillor Holland said that Councillor Loakes was also a member of the sub group and had been liaising directly with the Active Travel Oversight Group (ATOG). She said that boroughs would shortly be receiving letters outlining how Active Travel funding would be divided-up.

The Chair said that he recognised the financial issues that boroughs were experiencing. He said that he appreciated all the good work of The Transport Funding sub group and recognised the strength of feeling for wider travel. The Committee noted the report and noted that a visit would be organised through the Transport Funding Group in late spring to showcase what was being achieved in London.

10. Taxicard Funding for 2022/23

The Committee received a report that provided members with an update on the financial situation of the Taxicard scheme and provided information on TfL funding for 2022-2023.

The Chair said that London Councils had lobbied TfL with regards to Taxicard funding, and that there was more work that needed to be carried out on this. He said that the boroughs had done well out of the Taxicard funding settlement over the past few years, although the outer London boroughs were different as they had fewer Taxicard trips being taken. Andy Rollock, Mobility Services Manager, London Councils, said that the report discussed future TfL funding for the Taxicard scheme.

The Committee noted the report and that the TfL Taxicard funding for the next financial year would be set at £8 million.

11. Freedom Pass Update

The Committee received a report that updated Members on the agreement that TEC made on 10 June 2021, to allocate £235,000 from the special project reserve to redevelop the Freedom Pass website.

Stephen Boon informed Committee that the new Freedom Pass website would be launched on 9 May 2022. The Committee noted the Freedom Pass update report.

12. Moving Traffic Enforcement Changes & Contravention Codes Update

The Committee considered a report that sought to inform members of the introduction of moving traffic enforcement powers in England from midnight on 31 May 2022 and the associated impacts on London authorities. The report also sought member approval for the amendments to the standard list of parking, traffic and environmental contravention codes and descriptions, including the agreement on penalty levels.

Andy Luck, Transport Manager, London Councils, introduced the report on the amendments to moving traffic enforcement powers which would have a fairly minimal impact on the boroughs. He said that a number of the amendments were beneficial to London, especially around cycle lanes from 31 May 2022.

The Committee: **(i)** noted the details regarding the introduction of moving traffic powers in England and consequent impacts on London authorities, **(ii)** noted the revisions to the contravention code listed as outlined in this report, **(iii)** noted that the existing penalty levels would remain the same for contravention codes where additional suffixes were now relevant for London, and **(iv)** noted that the issue of increasing penalty fines for repeat offenders would be looked into.

The revisions to the contravention codes would be agreed via the TEC Urgency Procedure following the meeting.

13. LB Redbridge re-joining the London Lorry Control Scheme (LLCS)

The Committee received a report that provided Members with details about the London Borough of Redbridge's recent resolution to re-join the London Lorry Control Scheme (LLCS). The report also outlined the next steps to commence enforcement of the scheme in Redbridge, including TEC acceptance of their resolution.

The Committee noted the delegation from LB Redbridge to TEC to exercise LB Redbridge's functions of implementing and enforcing the LLCS on its behalf.

The decision for LB Redbridge to re-join the LLCS would be agreed via the TEC Urgency Procedure following the meeting

Item 18 ("Speeding Enforcement") was taken next as it was the last substantive item in the agenda.

18. Speeding Enforcement Update

The Committee received a report that provided an update on London Councils' activity on the Safe Speeds Review for London and future actions in lobbying for changes in the way speed was enforced in London. The report also provided an update on LB Wandsworth's speeding enforcement pilot that was presented to TEC at the meeting on 21 October 2021.

Andy Luck said that report followed the view of Members to have more borough powers on speeding. He said that options were being explored which would be a benefit to London and people's safety. Andy Luck said that the pilot that was due to take place in the borough of Wandsworth had not yet started because the DVLA would not release the car recognition details that were required. Discussions on the pilot were currently taking place with the Met and TEC would be updated as soon as more details were known.

The Committee noted the report and noted that the issue of speeding enforcement would be revisited after the local elections.

14. Items Considered under the TEC Urgency Procedure

The Committee received and noted a report on the items that were considered under the TEC Urgency Procedure that were sent to TEC Elected Officers following the TEC meetings listed below:

- TEC Meeting held on 9 December 2021 (the Urgency Procedure containing the items sent to TEC Elected Officers for approval was attached in the report).
- TEC Executive Sub Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2022 (the Urgency Procedure containing the items sent to TEC Elected Officers for approval was attached in the report).

15. Proposed Dates for the TEC & TEC Executive Sub Committee Meetings for 2022/2023

The Committee received a report that notified members of the proposed TEC and TEC Executive Sub Committee dates for the year 2022/23. The Chair asked Members to let Alan Edwards know if there were any potential problems with the proposed TEC dates.

16. Minutes of the TEC Executive Sub Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2022

The Committee noted the minutes of the TEC Executive Sub Committee meeting held on 10 February 2022.

17. Minutes of the TEC Main Meeting held on 9 December 2021

The Committee noted the minutes of the TEC Main meeting held on 9 December 2021.

The minutes of this meeting would be agreed via the TEC Urgency Procedure following the meeting.

The meeting finished at 16:55pm

Minutes of an Informal Meeting of the Executive

Tuesday 21st June 2022 09:30 am

Present

Member	Position
Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE	Vice Chair
Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE	Vice Chair
Cllr Georgia Gould	Chair
Cllr Elizabeth Campbell	
Tijs Broeke	Substitute
Cllr Nesil Caliskan	
Cllr Darren Rodwell	Deputy Chair
Cllr Ian Edwards	
Cllr Claire Holland	
Mayor Phil Glanville	
Cllr Jas Athwal	
Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz OBE	

London Councils officers were in attendance.

1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Apologies for absence and announcement of deputies

Apologies for absence were received from Christopher Hayward (City of London).

3. Minutes of the informal Executive Meeting held on held on 1st March 2022 – to note

The minutes of the informal Executive meeting held on 1st March 2022 were noted.

4. London Councils' Shared Ambition Milestones

The Chief Executive introduced the item. Members were informed that:

- Following Leaders' Committee agreement in December 2021, a lot of work had been done regarding the fleshing out of the Shared Ambitions strategic framework
- Members were now asked for feedback as to whether the priorities and milestones were correct, in that they would steer London Councils' work over the next 18 months
- It was acknowledged that as the context was constantly changing, the plans would have to be adapted although the framework would remain portfolio holders' input would be important in further shaping the work
- The framework included London's Future policy areas relating to the economy, welfare, jobs and skills and wider infrastructure including housing and transport; other areas included climate change, health and wellbeing, London's Voice, London Councils' value proposition; and organisational development to shape the organisation to meet the Shared Ambitions.

Members thanked teams at London Councils for their work on the Shared Ambitions and supported the work. The following comments were made:

- It was felt that cost of living issues could be more directly referenced, and that there should be a direct response made to Government on this issue. Also that there was expertise across London in terms of how historic high inflationary/cost of living situations had been addressed and this should be accessed
- There was an interconnectivity between the themes in the Shared Ambitions and the cost of living issue and as such, cost of living could help frame the overall plan

- The wellbeing aspects were very health focused and there should be greater emphasis on prevention, while maintaining the public health role of boroughs and the need to prepare for the ICS transition
- There was a need to consider how the Shared Ambitions could be most effectively communicated to Londoners.

The Chief Executive commented that, in terms of London Councils' resources, there had been some repurposing via management restructuring and improved collaborative working; money had previously been made available to assist with climate work, and there was a proposal later on in the agenda regarding the establishment of a Shared Ambition fund to assist with, among other things, the need for health expertise in relation to the upcoming health work. This would be presented within the context of a three-year financial strategy.

Members noted the report and the shared ambitions milestones as set out in the report.

5. Local Government Finance update

The Strategic Director: Local Government, Finance & Improvement introduced the report. Members were informed that:

- The lack of certainty from Government in terms of proposed review of core funding made financial planning difficult; it was unlikely that the Fair Funding or Business Rates Retention reset would happen in the short term
- There was some headroom within the £800+ million Services Grant which was originally to be used as part of the transition to new baselines, and it is likely that the Government would use this to redistribute funding within the settlement for next year and would consult on this shortly
- Some work had been done with London borough treasurers to model the potential impact of increased inflation, which could drive an additional £400m of costs this year
- Other financial pressures highlighted included; growing high needs deficits; the impact of costs of adult social care reforms; underfunding of

asylum seekers' costs; and the possibility of undercounted data in the 2021 Census which should that be used in future funding formulas

- In autumn 2022 members would be consulted regarding a decision to reconstitute the London Business Rates Pool. However, Levelling Up provided the impetus for London to consider different funding approaches, and to make a case for greater financial autonomy through fiscal devolution.
- Further lobbying would take place around the Census, SEND and Adult Social Care reforms. There would also be a pre-Budget submission in the autumn.

Members made the following points:

- It was important, if possible, to differentiate between the financial impacts of Covid pressures and cost of living
- In terms of levelling up, the Lea Valley position should be reviewed
- The impact of boroughs being a minimum wage employer attracted different inflationary concerns
- The previous submission to Government regarding the spending review should be looked at to ensure that London did not lose out
- The services grant was seen as a safety valve and its removal would place boroughs in a difficult position

In response to these points, the Strategic Director responded that:

- It was difficult to disaggregate cost of living and Covid cost issues, and also that boroughs had built reserves to support to support the ongoing pressures relating to Covid-19
- It was likely that any Business Rates re-evaluation would be more cushioned because of Covid.

Members noted the report.

6. UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The Chair informed members that there had been intense lobbying for the UKSPF to be given directly to boroughs, and that while the allocation would be

made to the GLA, the lobbying had resulted in boroughs' position being strengthened.

The Strategic Lead: Enterprise, Economy and Skills introduced the report and provided context to the Fund. She informed members that:

- London was due to receive £185 million from the Fund over three years; £144 million for core funding and £41 million for Multiply
- The GLA was designated as the lead authority for the Fund and needed to submit an Investment Plan to Government by the end of July with a view to spending starting in October
- Leaders Committee had made it clear that they wanted London boroughs to secure a central role in terms of UKSPF and in co-designing the investment plan, and also that boroughs should not have to bid for funds
- After negotiations, 54% (£78 million) of the Fund will be direct to borough allocations covering all three strands. 100% of the Communities and Place strand (£40 million) will go to boroughs and the City of London. A majority of the People and Skills strand would go to the Sub regional partnerships (£25 million) and £13 million would be provided for 'Supporting Local Businesses' which would be given to boroughs. Another £4.5 million had been set aside for a 'no wrong door' fund for business support
- Management costs were up to 4% (£5.6 million) but were being reviewed by the GLA to look at further reductions
- London Councils had set up working groups with GLA officers for draft investment plans by the end of June.

Members made the following points:

- It needed to be clear in discussions around the Fund that the boroughs and the City of London were clearly referenced
- Boroughs needed to move quickly to start consultation because of the timescales i.e. delivery to start in October 2022

- It was important for co-designed plans to reflect the current priorities and for London and Partners to similarly align their work
- It was important to have a three-year programme which allowed for spending profiles and three-year projects, as opposed to short term funds
- Sub regional relationships should be reviewed as not all boroughs were aligned to a sub-region.

The Strategic Lead confirmed that the spend profile within the Fund would be for three years, and that in the workshops many of the thematic links, for example between green and digital projects, had been raised, although there was concern that the available money limited what could be done in terms of pan London priorities. It was also confirmed that meetings were taking place with London and Partners, and it was important to focus on the Fund working for Londoners and businesses.

Members noted the report.

7. Retrofit London: lead authority arrangements

Mayor Glanville introduced the report, informing members that:

- The work was the result of a successful political team effort coordinated by officers in London Councils and partner boroughs
- there had been some inspiring examples of Retrofit work, for example between the boroughs of Enfield and Waltham Forest
- the work had been embedded with London housing directors, G15 and housing associations
- the next step for the programme was to establish a co-ordinating function; Waltham Forest had agreed to be the lead borough, who would host a project team funded by London housing directors. So far 24 boroughs had indicated their wish to be involved
- A partnership with LOTI was using Agile processes to look at how to solve Retrofit issues and barriers, including the use of technology and data.

Members supported the work and felt that the green agenda could be a driver for London's economic upturn. It was also a good example of London leading the rest of the country in terms of successful projects. It was also noted that the work was positive in terms of addressing cost of living and job security issues because of the jobs and skills elements.

It was also mentioned that the City of London were launching a Skills for a Sustainable Skyline taskforce looking at construction, retrofit and maintenance skills gaps, which could link in with the Retrofit London programme.

Executive noted the report and agreed:

- To appoint LB Waltham Forest as the Lead Authority for delivery of the Retrofit London Programme Management Office, subject to (a) a formal agreement with LB Waltham Forest and (b) sufficient London local authorities subscribing to fund these arrangements, all in accordance with the provisions of the London Councils' Governing Agreement dated 13 December 2000
- To authorise City of London legal officers to engage with LB Waltham Forest regarding the negotiation and drafting of a suitable agreement between the two parties for the purposes of this arrangement.

8. London Councils – Consolidated Pre-Audited Final Results 2021/22

The Director, Corporate Resources introduced the report, informing members that:

- this report confirmed a £1.6 million surplus across three funding streams consistent with the forecast previously reported
- the bulk of the surplus comprised TEC underspends by the independent bus operators, lorry control schemes and Taxicard There was also a Grants Committee surplus of £56,000 due to underspends on payments to commissioned services, and a surplus of £555,000 on the core joint committee through underspends on employment costs and the commissioning budget offset by a deficit on tenant income

- the report included a request to establish a Shared Ambition impact fund to support delivery of the Shared Ambitions agreed with Leaders in an earlier agenda item
- the report also included requests to carry forward underspends on equalities and COVID recovery related work as well as contributions to the health-related partnership work; there was also a request to TEC Executive to carry forward an underspend on the review of the lorry control scheme
- These costs would be externally audited by Grant Thornton in October 2022, and the outcomes reported to Executive.

In response to a question, the Chief Executive confirmed that budget for the recovery work would have been spent by December, and that the additional resources required for the Shared Ambition fund covered health expertise from the NHS to support the wellbeing work and ICS social care integration, and work needing to be done with the sub regions regarding investment and working with Opportunity London. However, the budget would be subject to constant monitoring and making sure that reserves did not fall too low.

Executive noted the report and agreed:

- To approve the carry forward request of £286,000 into 2022/23 in respect of the equalities and Covid-19 recovery work (£86,000) and contribution to Health-related partnership working (£200,000)
- To approve the request to earmark £100,000 General Reserves in respect of the unspent provision for health-related partnership work included in the 2019/20 budget.

The meeting ended at 10:55.

Minutes

Young People's Education and Skills Board meeting

Date 23 June 2022 **Venue** Online (Microsoft Teams)

Meeting Chair Gail Tolley Strategic Director for Children and Young People,
London Borough of Brent representing the Association of London
Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS)

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Attendance:

Members:

Gail Tolley	Strategic Director for Children and Young People, London Borough of Brent representing the Association of London Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS) CHAIR
Anthony Haines	Department for Education (DfE)
Ben Anderson	Community Manager, Landsec, London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP) – Board Member
Hasan Ozbeyhun	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
John Prior	Principal, Orchard Hill College, representing NATSPEC
Mandeep Gill	Principal and Chief Executive, Newham Sixth Form College, (Representing Sixth Form Colleges)
Mary Vine Morris MBE	Director, London Region, Association of Colleges (AoC)
Rebecca Durber	Regional Engagement Manager, Association of Employment and Learning Providers (AELP)
Dr Sam Parrett CBE	Group Principal and CEO, London and South East College Group, representing the Association of Colleges (AoC) – General Further Education
Yolande Burgess	Strategy Director London's Communities, London

Councils

Officers:

Caroline Dawes	Head of Children and Young People, London Councils
Peter O'Brien	Regional Manager Young People's Education and Skills (YPES), London Councils

Apologies:

Mayor Rokshana Fiaz	Mayor of Newham and London Councils Executive Member for Skills and Employment
Councillor Ian Edwards	Leader, London Borough of Hillingdon, London Councils Executive Member for Children and Schools
Prof. Graeme Atherton	Head, Centre for Levelling Up and Director of National Education Opportunities Network, University of West London
Joanne McCartney	Deputy Mayor of London
Michael Heanue	Principal Policy Officer, Greater London Authority (GLA), London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP) - Officer

1 Welcome and introductions

- 1.1 Gail Tolley explained that unfortunately the newly elected Chair of the Young People's Education and Skills Board was unable to attend this meeting and took the chair in her absence.
- 1.2 All in attendance introduced themselves and apologies for absence, lateness and early departure were accepted.

2 Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 No interests were declared.

3 Notes of the last meeting

- 3.1 These were agreed, subject to adding Mandeep Gill to those in attendance.
- 3.2 The following arose from the minutes:
 - The Board will be advised of London Councils' future work and ambitions.
 - The inaugural meeting of the Pan London Supported Employment Board (LSEB) had taken place and its action plan will be shared with

the Young People's Education and Skills Board following the LSEBs meeting in October.

4 Key changes in government policy (SEND Green Paper and Schools White Paper / Schools Bill)

4.1 Caroline Dawes introduced the discussion by referring to the paper provided in advance of the meeting. Caroline clarified that the reference in paragraph 7.3 of the paper to Grant Maintained Schools should be to Maintained Schools and that Local Authority Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs) are now being referred to as Local Authority established MATs to reflect more accurately the relationship. Caroline spoke first about the Schools White Paper and Schools Bill before moving on to the SEND Green Paper and emphasised the main issues highlighted in the paper.

4.2 In the debate, Board Members:

- Noted that parents were particularly concerned about the possible impact of the changes being proposed.
- Agreed that the Green Paper missed an opportunity to improve the links between health, care and education.
- The lack of coverage in the Green Paper of children and young people with SEND but not on an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) was also an issue.
- Agreed that the Government needs to focus more on early intervention and early years in terms of SEND support, and that there is not enough focus on in the early careers framework on SEND.
- Referred to the recently published report from the Social Mobility Commission.
- Careers Hubs, which seemed instrumental in the proposals for transitions to employment, being part-funded by European Social Fund (ESF) were thought to be at risk. Peter O'Brien was asked to clarify with the GLA.

4.3 Replying to the discussion, Caroline thanked Board Members for their contributions, which would help shape London Councils' response. Caroline stressed that this would be an on-going dialogue with the Board and that

Board members would be updated both on the Green Paper and the Schools Bill. The Chair thanked Caroline for leading the discussion on the report.

Action Peter O'Brien to contact the GLA about the future of funding for Careers Hubs.

5 General Policy Update and Performance Report

- 5.1 The meeting received a paper presented by Peter O'Brien and noted: that green skills were becoming increasingly important. It was agreed to circulate reports from the Sub-Regional Partnerships and GLA to the Board. It was further agreed to discuss London Councils' climate change programmes and the Mayor's Sector Skills Academies at a future meeting of the Board.

Action Peter O'Brien to send Board members the report on Green Skills published by the Sub-Regional Partnerships and arrange for the Board to discuss London Councils' climate change programme and the Mayor's Sector Skills Academies.

6 Review of the Education and Skills Funding Agency

- 6.1 Tony Haines provided a verbal report on the latest developments in the reviews of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), DfE and wider Civil Service.

7 Action Plan - Progress

- 7.1 Adding to the paper presented by Peter O'Brien, Yolande Burgess said that as a result of London Councils' Leaders agreeing a set of cross-party Shared Ambitions, services and policy specialisms had been brought together. Yolande is now Strategy Director: London's Communities and the Young People's Education and Skills Board would in future be served by an integrated Children, Education and Young People Team, rather than a separate team.
- 7.2 Mary Vine-Morris commented on the report's coverage of Afghan and Ukrainian refugees and undertook to facilitate contact between London Councils and colleges, referring to the response in south London that may provide the basis of a Pan London project.

Action Mary Vine-Morris to contact Peter O'Brien

8 Other Business

- 8.1 Yolande Burgess paid tribute to Gail Tolley, who was retiring from her post and consequently the Board, to which Board members added their own appreciation. Gail thanked the Board for their best wishes.

Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 20 October at 1400.