

London Sustainable Development Commission

Fourth meeting held on 14th March 2003 at 2.15pm at BedZED

Present:

Pamela Castle	UKELA Co-Chair
Ian Coull	Slough Estates plc Co-Chair
Shirley Ali Khan	Independent Consultant
Victor Anderson	Mayor's Environmental Adviser
Chris Birks	Environment Agency
Peter Head	FaberMaunsell
Samantha Heath	GLA, Assembly Member
Sue Riddlestone	BioRegional
Penny Shepherd	London Sustainability Exchange
Robin Stott	Physician
Paul de Zylva	Friends of the Earth

Observer

Penny Bramwell	Government Office for London, Sustainable Development
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In attendance:

Jane Anson	GLA Administrative support
Alyssa Gilbert	GLA Policy Support Unit
Niall Machin	GLA Policy Support Unit (Secretariat lead)

1. Welcome and introductions

Ian Coull (Chair) thanked Sue Riddlestone for the excellent hospitality received at BedZED and for organising an excellent on site tour about the technology and design used at BedZED. All agreed that it had been extremely interesting and worthwhile.

2. Apologies

June Barnes	East Thames Housing Group
Nigel Bell	Imperial College, Centre for Environmental Technology
Tom Burke	English Nature
David Fell	Brook Lyndhurst
Reverend Dick Johnson	Industrial Chaplain
Cllr Gavin Moore	ALG
Dinah Cox	LVSC
Eddie McDermott	T&G Region 1
Luna Frank Riley	LDA
Joanne Wade	ACE

3. Minutes of 10th December meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December were agreed and signed off.

Matters arising

Commissioners were asked to suggest a representative for the Finance Sector and several were suggested. It was agreed that the Secretariat would liaise with the Chair to decide on a name to recommend to the Mayor.

Action: NM/IC to liaise.

4. Membership

Ian Coull introduced proposed membership changes. It was **agreed** that Greg Clarke temporarily replace Luna Frank Riley (LDA) and that David Fell remain a member of the Commission despite leaving London First. However it was pointed out that a further representative was needed from London business e.g. London First, CBI London Region, Business Link. It was **agreed** that the Commission should ask David Fell for suggestions in finding a new representative from the business sector. It was also **agreed** to extend David Goode's attendance to become an observer at future meetings of the Commission.

Action: NM to contact David Fell and IC/NM to contact Greg Clarke.

5. Report back from existing sub groups

(i) Framework

It was reported that provisional dates for the launch of the framework have been received from the Mayor's Office - 3rd and 5th June. London's Living Room has been provisionally booked for 5th June.

Action: JA to provisionally book the Chamber for the 3rd June

It was agreed that the following need to be produced for the June launch:

- Annual Report
- Finalised Framework
- Key media messages
- Physical attraction for media (headlines?)

The Framework will include existing indicators but clarify that work on indicators is evolving and will take account of the current consultation over time. It was also agreed that the key messages should be articulated in such a way as to target different sectors e.g. business, individuals, specialist media.

Action:

- **Secretariat to draft annual report.**
- **Commissioners to email ideas for media headlines**
- **PR tender to be revised to include the above**
- **IC to arrange with Framework meeting to take this work forward.**

(ii) London Plan

Various commissioners had met with the Mayor and his advisors on 29th January to discuss the Plan. In addition, written submissions had been sent to the Examination in Public (EiP) and commissioners had participated in Matter 1 of the EiP. Entec had been commissioned to undertake an assessment of the draft London Plan using the Commission's draft Framework.

The Commission were critical of the Entec sustainable development assessment of the draft London Plan using the Framework. In particular, the report's lack of rigour, its failure to justify positive claims and its lack of critical analysis.

The Commission identified the need to influence the formal sustainable development appraisal process from now up – i.e. up to the publication of the final London Plan and beyond. This could involve proposing to seek a 'third view' appraisal to coincide with the July deadline of the inspector's report. To do this, it would be necessary to identify details of the timetable. The Commission were also keen to follow up some of the issues that had emerged from the meeting with the Mayor or the EiP.

The following was **agreed**:

- That the Commission would write to the GLA setting out its concerns about the work Entec had undertaken on its behalf;
- Request feedback from Entec about any difficulties they might have encountered using the Framework;
- Arrange a meeting with Jane Carlsen to discuss the formal sustainability appraisal, Supplementary Planning Guidance and indicative timetable;
- That the Commission seek to input into GLA economics work on the environmental impacts of the London Plan;
- Take forward work on land-take implications of the Plan; and
- Take forward the issue of compatibility of the draft London Plan with newer versions of the Mayoral strategies.

Action: NM.

6(iii) Energy

It was reported that the Mayor has sent a letter to the Energy sub group requesting further help in gaining stakeholder buy-in to achieve the Commission's recommended 20% CO₂ emissions reduction by 2010. The Sub Group has drawn up a plan for this work to coincide with the draft Energy Strategy consultation period which ends on 22 April. Potential signatories have been invited to a series of breakfast meetings (facilitated by London Remade) beginning on 18 March to give their support to the Pledge and to investigate the setting up of a CO₂ reduction brokerage service. It was noted that, in agreeing to help the Mayor take forward such work, it is important to bear in mind the Commission's Terms of Reference, in particular, that the Commission is not a delivery mechanism.

The Commission **agreed** the Energy Sub Group's proposed flow chart showing how this work would be progressed.

The final version of the Sustainable Development appraisal of the draft Energy Strategy needs to be completed by the 22 April. Commissioners **agreed** to provide comments by 31 March. In particular they were asked to comment on the following aspects: delivery/implementation of the energy strategy, and prioritisation of the proposals.

Action: All to email AG with their comments.

6. New sub groups: progress report

Commissioners reported that they are happy with the work of the new sub groups and their roles within them. **Agreed** to set up new sub-groups as proposed in the report which was circulated.

Air travel consultation sub group: it was **agreed** that a steer was needed from Commissioners who were asked to email their views to Alyssa prior to a first meeting. Also it was **agreed** to contact Tom Burke again to confirm that he is happy to chair this sub group.

Action: NM to contact Tom Burke for confirmation.

7 Big ideas for the Mayor

Shirley suggested that the Commission might like to think of 3 big ideas on sustainable development for the Mayor to select one to champion. **Agreed** that commissioners would send in their ideas.

Action: All to send ideas to NM by the end of March for consideration at the next Framework sub group meeting.

8. Promoting good practice

Pamela reminded the Commission that the terms of reference included championing best practice. Therefore the forthcoming Annual Report and the Commission's web site could reflect good practice.

Agreed that LSDC ask LSx for examples of good practice that illustrate the LSDC's framework objectives.

Action: NM to contact LSx

9. Budget

Niall outlined this year's spend and next year's allocation. Commissioners **agreed** that they should not lose the unspent allocation for 2002/03 and asked the secretariat to progress the proposed media activity out of this year's budget.

Action: NM to seek agreement with GLA to carry forward 2002/03 budget

10. Any other business

It was questioned whether the Commission should comment on LDA's draft Commissioning Framework. It was agreed that Victor and David Fell would comment if necessary by the 21 March deadline.

Action: VA and DF to comment if necessary

11. Dates of next and future meetings

Wednesday 18th June 2003 from 10.00am to 14.00pm in Committee Room 3, City Hall.

Future meetings:

September 15th September 2003

Wednesday 17th December 2003