

# London Sustainable Development Commission

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## Chair's Welcome



Welcome to our fourth annual report, offering you an insight into our work and the progress we are making embedding sustainability into the DNA of London - helping to make London a better place to live and work by improving people's life chances, strengthening our economic foundation and reducing our adverse impact on the planet.

Turning that vision into reality means we have to focus on dealing with the here and now as well as creating a vision for tomorrow.

Over the past year, we have developed and strengthened our role working with others to achieve sustainable outcomes for London and encouraged others to take on the sustainable development agenda. This has included work across areas such as the London Plan, the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, on health and poverty and with the London boroughs on the opportunities offered by Local Area Agreements.

We have continued to focus on unsustainable trends, policies and practice in London, identifying key priorities and co-ordinating action.

We have spent time revising our own work plan, making our governance more transparent as well as hosting visiting delegations.

Making London a sustainable world city means challenging London to do better in all that it does, dealing with London's social, economic and environmental challenges in an integrated way adding value in the process. To help us do this we have started to look at examples of excellence from around the world to support our future work and ensure that all of us achieve a better quality of life for Londoners and visitors, both now and in the future.

I hope you enjoy learning more from this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'June Barnes'.

**June Barnes**  
LSDC Chair

## This year we...

### London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games

Along with the rest of London and the United Kingdom we celebrated the announcement that London won its bid to host the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

We helped make sustainable development a centrepiece of London's 2012 bid by promoting the need to address social, economic and environmental issues in a joined-up way and to look at how these benefits could be secured in London and particularly East London, after the Games. Since London won the right to host the Games we have continued to be involved overseeing the early development of an independent assurance body for the 2012 Games programme.



### North West exchange

With the London Health Commission we hosted a study visit by health and sustainability colleagues from North West England and London to look at the links between health and sustainability. The exchange resulted in lots of ideas about how to make the connection between the health and sustainability agendas better, as well as coming up with recommendations for action at regional and national levels.

**LINK** <http://www.londonhealth.gov.uk/PDF/NWRDAvisitjan06.pdf>

### London's gaps and opportunities

The UK Sustainable Development Strategy, Securing the Future, was published in 2005. We looked at the gaps and opportunities for implementing the Strategy's key policies in London. The report identified some gaps as well as opportunities and we are making these a priority for coming years.

#### LINK

[http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/sustainable-development/susdevcomm\\_reports.jsp](http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/sustainable-development/susdevcomm_reports.jsp)

### Alterations to the London Plan

The Mayor initiated changes to the London Plan on waste, minerals and housing. We worked closely with the GLA on appraising these changes.

**LINK** [http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/strategies/sds/lon\\_plan\\_changes/docs/sustainability\\_appraisal.pdf](http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/strategies/sds/lon_plan_changes/docs/sustainability_appraisal.pdf)

### Councils' plans for local areas

We led a partnership of London organisations to help London's local councils think through how to prepare their bids for Local Areas Agreements. Councils told us they wanted more support to embed sustainable development into local processes.

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### Supplementary Planning Guidance on Sustainable Design and Construction

We worked with the GLA on the draft SPG for Sustainable Design and Construction. Our focus was on achieving greater consistency across sustainable construction requirements so that industry has a level playing field.

**LINK** <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/strategies/sds/docs/spg-sustainable-design.pdf>



### Updating our plans

We also renewed our own workplan with a clearer focus on new aims. Our new structure enables us to focus on four priority work areas:

- Promoting sustainable development across London's sectors,
- Working with the GLA Group on mainstreaming sustainable development into their work,
- Influencing change at a spatial level in London through planning and development and
- Ensuring sustainability remains at the heart of London's Olympic and Paralympic Games programme and into legacy.

### Low Emission Zone

The Mayor announced plans for a Low Emission Zone. We sought tougher standards sooner to meet EU requirements.

### Working with the WWF/BRE on developers in London

We worked closely with WWF and BRE to produce a sustainability checklist for developers in London. Our focus was on ensuring the checklist aligns with the SPG on Sustainable Design and Construction.

### Review of Mayoral powers and outcomes of the review on regional arrangements

We commented on the Mayor's proposals for a review of the Mayor's and the Assembly's powers.

### London Sustainability Weeks

Our Sustainable Development Framework for London policy was used in key workshops held during London Sustainability Weeks. Our Commissioners were prominent speakers at various events throughout the weeks.

**LINK** [http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/sustainable--development/susdevcomm\\_framework.jsp](http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/sustainable--development/susdevcomm_framework.jsp)



### Visit of Swedish Council on Sustainable Development

We were visited by senior officials from the Swedish Council on Sustainable Development as part of their tour of the UK. We presented our vision for sustainable development in London.

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### A Best Value Review of Sustainable Development within the GLA

We are contributing to a review of sustainable development in the GLA. As well as looking at what sustainable development means for the GLA, the review is also looking at the role of the London Sustainable Development Commission.

## Background

The London Sustainable Development Commission was established in 2002 to advise the Mayor on ways to make London an exemplary sustainable world city.

The Commission's vision is described in our Sustainable Development Framework for London, which is supported by four key policy and decision-making drivers:

- Taking responsibility
- Developing respect
- Managing resources
- Getting results.

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Having focused our effort on getting the strategic framework right in London over the first two years of operation, we are now increasingly working with London's sectors. This year was a critical year of change - watch our website for what's happening in 2006-07.

### The public face of the Commission

Members on the Commission, while appointed on an individual basis, represent a range of areas including business, government, not for profit and advocacy organisations, across social, health, environmental and commercial fields.

Commission members are: June Barnes, (Chair and Executive Sub Group Chair), Ranjit S Baxi, Chris Birks (retired), Nigel Bell, Pamela Castle (retired as co-chair), Craig Cordice, Dinah Cox, Paul de Zylva (Promotions Sub Group Chair), David Fell (GLA Sub Group Chair, now retired), Peter Head (Planning and Development Sub Group Chair), Samantha Heath (retired as co-chair), Andrew Judge, Tony Medawar (joined from late 2005), Ros Dunn (retired in late 2005), Shaun McCarthy (London 2012 Sub Group Chair), Penny Shepherd, Robin Stott (GLA Sub Group Chair), Mike Tuffrey, Joanne Wade (retired), Sue Riddlestone, Richard Stephenson and Simon Woolley (retired) .

Observers include Penny Bramwell from the Government Office for London and Lesley Harding from the London Development Agency.

Secretariat support was provided by Paula Hirst and Emma Synnott from the Greater London Authority.

In late 2005, Samantha Heath and Pamela Castle stood down as co-Chairs, having steered the Commission for more than a year together. Pamela retired from the Commission, having been a co-Chair from the outset. June Barnes took over as Chair in January 2006.

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Tiếng Việt  
Nếu bạn muốn bản sao của tài liệu này bằng  
ngôn ngữ của bạn, hãy gọi điện theo số hoặc  
liên lạc với địa chỉ dưới đây.

### Greek

Αν θα θέλατε ένα αντίγραφο του  
παρόντος εγγράφου στη γλώσσα  
σας, παρακαλώ να τηλεφωνήσετε  
στον αριθμό ή να επικοινωνήσετε  
στην παρακάτω διεύθυνση.

### Turkish

Bize telefon ederek ya da yukarıdaki  
adrese başvurarak bu belgenin  
Türkçe'sini isteyebilirsiniz.

### Punjabi

ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ  
ਵਿਚ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਨੰਬਰ 'ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ ਜਾਂ ਹੇਠ  
ਲਿਖੇ ਪਤੇ 'ਤੇ ਰਾਬਤਾ ਕਰੋ:

### Hindi

यदि आप इस दस्तावेज़ की प्रति अपनी भाषा में चाहते हैं,  
तो कृपया निम्नलिखित नम्बर पर फोन करें अथवा दिये  
गये पता पर सम्पर्क करें।

### Bengali

আপনি যদি আপনার ভাষায় এই দলিলের প্রতিলিপি  
(কপি) চান, তা হলে নীচের ফোন নম্বরে  
বা ঠিকানায় অনুগ্রহ করে যোগাযোগ করুন।

### Urdu

اگر آپ اس دستاویز کی نقل اپنی زبان میں چاہتے  
ہیں، تو براہ کرم نیچے دیئے گئے نمبر پر فون کریں  
یا دیئے گئے پتے پر رابطہ قائم کریں۔

### Arabic

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જોઈતી હોય તો, કૃપા કરી આપેલ નંબર ઉપર  
ફોન કરો અથવા નીચેના સરનામે સંપર્ક સાધો.

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