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Mayor appoints new Chair for London Sustainable Development Commission

The Mayor of London today appointed John Plowman as the new Chair of the London Sustainable Development Commission.

John has a proven track record working on issues relating to sustainable development notably as a senior civil servant of 30 years standing in areas as diverse as environmental protection, urban regeneration and road safety. He currently runs a busy consultancy that provides advice to a range of clients including DEFRA.

The London Sustainable Development Commission was established in 2002 to advise the Mayor of London on sustainability issues including ways to improve and protect Londoners' quality of life now and in the future.

The Mayor of London, said: 'It is great news that John Plowman has agreed to Chair the London Sustainable Development Commission. London faces a range of serious challenges ahead, such as the delivery of an Olympic legacy, securing recovery from the economic downturn and tackling climate change. It is vital we work to ensure they become opportunities

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to improve Londoners' quality of life and I look forward to working with John to ensure this happens.'

John Plowman, said: 'I am delighted to be given this opportunity to work at the heart of London government. It is an exciting time of change for London and I am determined that we capitalise on this to deliver improvements for people's lives now and for future generations. I will be building on the achievements of the Commission to date whilst looking for ways to improve in the future. I want to thank Paul de Sylva for his sterling work as interim Chair.'

The Commission is made up of individual experts from the economic, social, environmental and London governance sectors. The work of the Commission is to ensure sustainability is at the core of policies and strategies impacting on London plus making sustainability a meaningful concept for Londoners.

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Notes to editors:

1 For further information on the work of the London Sustainable Development Commission go to www.londonsdc.org

2 The members of the Commission are Paul de Sylva, Head of Friends of the Earth England , Peter Head OBE, Director of ARUP, Shaun McCarthy, Director, Action Sustainability and Chair of the Commission for a Sustainable London 2012 , Dr Robin Stott, Physician , Samantha Heath, Director, London Sustainability Exchange , Sue Riddlestone, Executive, Bioregional , Mike Tuffrey, Assembly Member, The London Assembly , Richard Stephenson, Director of Group Health Safety and Environment, TfL , Dr Penny Bramwell, Sustainable Development Unit, Government Office for London , Robert Runcie, Regional Director, Environment Agency , Councillor Andrew Pakes, London Borough of Southwark , Chris Church, Chair, London 21 Sustainability Network , Pamela Gardner, Acting Managing Director, East Homes , Maria Lee, Professor of Law, University College London , Adrian Gurney, Town Planner.

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