

Mayor appoints new Commissioners to advise on sustainability

London, 15 February, 2010: Boris Johnson has appointed nine new Commissioners to the London Sustainable Development Commission today (15 February) from a range of commercial and public sector organisations.

The London Sustainable Development Commission is an independent body with a remit to inform and champion London's approach to quality of life and embed sustainable development principles into decision making across London's sectors. This includes advising the Mayor of London on issues as diverse as climate change; inequality and community cohesion; the London wide implications of the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games; and sustainable consumption and production. Amongst other initiatives, the London Sustainable Development Commission runs the highly successful London Leaders programme and undertakes a range of research including the recent 'London's Quality of Life Indicators' report.

The new Commissioners include: (see notes for full biographies):

- Howard Davidson, Director, Thames Region, Environment Agency
- Andrew MacAskill, Supply Chain Director, Skanska
- Paul Edwards, Head of Sustainability, Hammerson plc
- Ed Gillespie, Co-Founder, Futerra Sustainability Communications Ltd
- Andy Wales, Global Head of Sustainable Development, SABMiller Plc
- Karen Lawrence, Director of Delivery, Energy Saving Trust
- Paul Toyne, Head of Sustainability, Bovis Lend Lease UK
- Cllr Sean Brennan, London Councils
- Geoff Raw, Director Design, Strategy and Planning, LDA

These individuals join 12 existing commissioners:

- John Plowman - Chair London Sustainable Development Commission
- Shaun McCarthy, Director, Action Sustainability and Chair of the Commission for a Sustainable London 2012
- Samantha Heath, Director, London Sustainability Exchange
- Paul de Zylva, Head of Friends of the Earth England
- Sue Riddlestone, Executive Director, Bioregional
- Richard Stephenson, Director of Group Health, Safety and Environment, TfL
- Dr Penny Bramwell, Sustainable Development Unit, Government Office for London
- Chris Church, Trustee, London 21 Sustainability Network

- Adrian Gurney, Independent planning consultant
- Alison Barnes, London Regional Director, Natural England
- Mike Tuffrey, who will continue as the London Assembly representative
- Piers Williamson, The Housing Finance Corporation Ltd

This recent round of recruitment brings to the Commission sustainability experts in the fields of business, energy, the built environment, strategic planning and communications to support the LSDC's work to make London a global benchmark for sustainable cities by 2020.

The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, said 'London has some big challenges ahead, not least to ensure we emerge strongly from the economic downturn and that the benefits of the Olympics are felt by all, years beyond the duration of the Games. This has to be done with full regard to the environment and with a clear aim to enhance and improve Londoners' quality of life. I look forward to working with this new line up of Commissioners to make our capital the best big city on Earth.'

John Plowman, Chair of the LSDC, said, "The London Sustainable Development Commission has a vital role to play in ensuring that London becomes the global benchmark for sustainable cities by 2020. Through our advice, research and innovative programmes we will support the Mayor to address London's sustainability challenges, improve quality of life, and ensure that all Londoners and visitors have opportunity to share in London's success. I look forward to working with my fellow Commissioners in this important task."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The London Sustainable Development Commission is an independent advisory body supported by the Mayor of London, helping to create a world class sustainable city. Its

Commissioners serve as volunteers and draw on their expertise from across all sectors of London life to help advise the Mayor. <http://www.londonsdc.org>

2. Biographies of the nine new Commissioners:

Howard Davidson, Director, Thames Region, Environment Agency

Howard started his career as a civil engineer and has over 30 years experience of working with communities across the UK, working for the Environment Agency since 1996. Howard Chairs the Water Resources in the South East Group and the Thames Rover Basin Panel. He is also a Commissioner for London's Waterway.

Andrew MacAskill, Supply Chain Director, Skanska

Andrew is a Chartered Director, Manager, and Electrical Engineer with over 25 years international experience in the utility, transport and construction sectors. He has been Supply Chain Director at Skanska since 2006, leading the organisation's sustainable procurement strategy. Previous senior management roles at McNichols, EDF Energy, 51 Degrees Ltd and London Electricity. Andrew was appointed to the LSDC's London Leaders programme in 2009.

Paul Edwards, Head of Sustainability, Hammerson plc

Paul started his careers as an engineer and has over 10 years experience in the sustainability field, previously Head of Sustainability at Bovis Lend Lease. Paul is Chair of the British Council of Offices Environmental Sustainability Group, Chair of the Green Property Alliance Metrics Group, and member of the Board of the Better Buildings Partnership.

Ed Gillespie, Co-Founder and Creative Director, Futerra Sustainability Communications Ltd

Prior to establishing communications consultancy Futerra in 2001, Ed was Environment Manager at TfL with responsibility for environmental audit and assurance, leading projects on biodiversity and procurement. Ed has Masters degrees in Leadership for Sustainable Development and Marine Resource Development Protection, and a first class honours degree in Marine Biology.

Andy Wales, Global Head of Sustainable Development, SABMiller Plc

Senior leader in corporate responsibility and strategy with 10 years experience at director level at sustainability positions at SABMiller, Severn Trent and Interface.

International expert on issues of water scarcity, climate adaptation and carbon management. Andy has an MBA from Warwick Business School and in 2009 recognised as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.

Karen Lawrence, Director of Delivery, Energy Saving Trust

An experienced senior director and commercial manager. During six years at EST, Karen has worked on major London projects, including the Homes Energy Efficiency Programme, Low Carbon Zones and Green Homes Concierge Service. Karen has a first class honours degree and Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply. Previous roles at Shell UK Retail and Woolworths.

Dr Paul Toyne, Head of Sustainability, Bovis Lend Lease UK

Paul has been Head of Sustainability at Bovis Lend Lease since 2007 and has led the development and implementation of the company's issue-based target-driven approach to sustainability. Previously Director at sustainability management consultancy Article 13 and part of the senior management team at WWF-UK. Paul is an accredited BREEAM assessor and has a PhD from Imperial College.

Cllr Sean Brennan, London Councils

Cllr Brennan is Leader of London Borough of Southwark has been London Council's Executive Member for Sustainability since 2006 and is also a member of its Leaders' Committee with all Leaders across London. He has worked on a number of London projects to reduce carbon emissions, including retrofitting energy efficiency measures, trialling Low Carbon Zones, and supporting decentralised energy networks.

Geoff Raw, Director Design, Strategy and Planning, LDA

A qualified planner with over 15 years of practical experience, Geoff led planning and regeneration negotiations for the regeneration of Wembley successfully securing a multi-million investment package. Experience includes business management at HM Treasury, national and London investment programme management at the Housing Corporation. Interests include travel, art, cooking, martial arts and Shiatsu massage. He is married with a daughter.