

## **Terms of Reference**

***The London Sustainable Development Commission (LSDC) works to develop a coherent approach to sustainable development throughout London, not only to improve the quality of life for people living, working and visiting London today and for generations to come but also to reduce London's footprint on the rest of the UK and the world. The LSDC recognises that this requires co-ordinated action to identify key priorities for London and to focus on unsustainable trends, policies and practice that will not be reversed on the basis of current or planned action. In particular, the Commission will:***

- Use its London Sustainable Development Framework to guide sustainability activity in London, and monitor progress.***
- Promote the integration of sustainable development into all strategic decision-making in London, and provide commentary on the sustainable development dimensions of key London-wide strategies, policies and practice to the Mayor, the GLA Group, the Assembly, London bodies and the public.***
- Stimulate and encourage research, programmes, or action plans to further the purpose of the Commission and the implementation of the London Framework for action.***
- Provide an independent London voice on matters that relate to sustainable development, and take responsibility for advocating, encouraging, supporting and promoting best practice on sustainable development to all sectors.***

***In working towards this purpose, the Commission adopts the following core principles:***

- To add value to London and complement the work of others***
- To work in open and transparent partnerships and embrace a consensual approach***
- To seek active engagement and inclusion of citizens, communities and key constituencies.***
- To expand and share information, ideas and learning about sustainable development matters***
- To commit to equality, diversity and inclusivity.***

## **Notes**

### **1. Membership**

***The Commission's membership is made up of individuals who have knowledge and expertise in at least one of the areas of sustainable development and demonstrate a personal commitment to the principles of sustainability. They represent one or more specific sectors with the ability to contribute fully as individuals to the work of the Commission (not necessarily as representatives of their organisations). Membership***

***aims to reflect the diversity of London's citizens, communities and key constituencies. The membership is appointed by the Mayor following open advertisement and recruitment. Commissioners serve a maximum of 6 years.***

***2. Operation, including relationship to other bodies***

***The LSDC fulfills its purpose through the collective commitment and resources of its members, aided by a secretariat. It has no statutory powers or functions. It operates via a memorandum of understanding with its funding bodies. The LSDC agrees a two year business plan setting out priorities and activities to fulfil its purpose within that year. It meets quarterly to undertake specific activities identified in its programme, to review the implementation of the programme and to identify new and emerging issues relevant to its purpose. In addition, a number of working sub groups take forward particular priorities of the LSDC programme. The Commission aims to add value to sustainable development activity in London and not duplicate the work of others. In this respect, it will work in partnership with bodies among the business, academic, statutory, voluntary and community sectors.***

***These Terms of Reference were agreed at the Commission meeting on 18 December 2006.***