



JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SIX GROWTH BOROUGHES

Thursday 10 March 2022
at 9.30 am Council Chamber, Hackney
Town Hall, Mare Street, London E8 1EA

The live stream can be viewed here:

Joint Committee Members:

Councillor Rachel Blake (Tower Hamlets), Mayor Philip Glanville (Hackney) Councillor Guy Nicholson (Hackney) Councillor Grace Williams (Waltham Forest), Mayor Fiaz Rokhsana (Newham)

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Agenda

- 1 Appointment of the Chair for the next cycle of meetings**
- 2 Apologies for Absence (2 Minutes)**
- 3 Introductions**
- 4 Declarations of Interests - Members to declare as appropriate (5 Minutes)**
- 5 Non-Confidential Minutes of the previous meeting on 13 September 2022 (5 Minutes) (Pages 9 - 10)**
- 6 Terms of Reference (Pages 11 - 12)**
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- 9 Confidential minutes of the informal Growth Boroughs Partnership meeting in November 2021 (Pages 21 - 24)**
- 10 Workplan (5 Minutes) (Pages 25 - 36)**
- 11 Lee Valley Regional Park Authority - Peter Osborne (Chair), Shaun Dawson (CE) (35 Minutes) (Pages 37 - 38)**
- 12 Shift: Inclusive Innovation District (Pages 39 - 56)**
- 13 London Legacy Development Corporation - March Board Meeting - Andy Simpson (20 Minutes) (Pages 57 - 74)**
- 14 10 Year Anniversary Commis - BTG (15 Minutes)**
- 15 Any other business**

Public Attendance

Following the lifting of all Covid-19 restrictions by the Government and the Council updating its assessment of access to its buildings, the Town Hall is now open to the public and members of the public may attend meetings of the Council.

We recognise, however, that you may find it more convenient to observe the meeting via the live-stream facility, the link for which appears on the agenda front sheet.

We would ask that if you have either tested positive for Covid-19 or have any symptoms that you do not attend the meeting, but rather use the livestream facility. If this applies and you are attending the meeting to ask a question, make a deputation or present a petition then you may contact the Officer named at the beginning of the Agenda and they will be able to make arrangements for the Chair of the meeting to ask the question, make the deputation or present the petition on your behalf.

The Council will continue to ensure that access to our meetings is in line with any Covid-19 restrictions that may be in force from time to time and also in line with public health advice. The latest general advice can be found here - <https://hackney.gov.uk/coronavirus-support>

Rights of Press and Public to Report on Meetings

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 give the public the right to film, record audio, take photographs, and use social media and the internet at meetings to report on any meetings that are open to the public.

By attending a public meeting of the Council, Executive, any committee or sub-committee, any Panel or Commission, or any Board you are agreeing to these guidelines as a whole and in particular the stipulations listed below:

- Anyone planning to record meetings of the Council and its public meetings through any audio, visual or written methods they find appropriate can do so providing they do not disturb the conduct of the meeting;
- You are welcome to attend a public meeting to report proceedings, either in 'real time' or after conclusion of the meeting, on a blog, social networking site, news forum or other online media;
- You may use a laptop, tablet device, smartphone or portable camera to record a written or audio transcript of proceedings during the meeting;
- Facilities within the Town Hall and Council Chamber are limited and recording equipment must be of a reasonable size and nature to be easily accommodated.
- You are asked to contact the Officer whose name appears at the beginning of this Agenda if you have any large or complex recording equipment to see whether this can be accommodated within the existing facilities;
- You must not interrupt proceedings and digital equipment must be set to 'silent' mode;
- You should focus any recording equipment on Councillors, officers and the public who are directly involved in the conduct of the meeting. The Chair of the meeting will ask any members of the public present if they have objections to being visually recorded. Those visually recording a meeting are asked to respect the wishes of those who do not wish to be filmed or photographed.

Failure to respect the wishes of those who do not want to be filmed and photographed may result in the Chair instructing you to cease reporting or recording and you may potentially be excluded from the meeting if you fail to comply;

- Any person whose behaviour threatens to disrupt orderly conduct will be asked to leave;
- Be aware that libellous comments against the council, individual Councillors or officers could result in legal action being taken against you;
- The recorded images must not be edited in a way in which there is a clear aim to distort the truth or misrepresent those taking part in the proceedings;
- Personal attacks of any kind or offensive comments that target or disparage any ethnic, racial, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability status could also result in legal action being taken against you.

Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in the support and assistance of the Council in the recording of proceedings being withdrawn. The Council regards violation of any of the points above as a risk to the orderly conduct of a meeting. The Council therefore reserves the right to exclude any person from the current meeting and refuse entry to any further council meetings, where a breach of these requirements occurs. The Chair of the meeting will ensure that the meeting runs in an effective manner and has the power to ensure that the meeting is not disturbed through the use of flash photography, intrusive camera equipment or the person recording the meeting moving around the room.

Advice to Members on Declaring Interests

If you require advice on declarations of interests, this can be obtained from:

- The Monitoring Officer;
- The Deputy Monitoring Officer; or
- The legal adviser to the meeting.

It is recommended that any advice be sought in advance of, rather than at, the meeting.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs)

You will have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (*DPI) if it:

- Relates to your employment, sponsorship, contracts as well as wider financial interests and assets including land, property, licenses and corporate tenancies.
- Relates to an interest which you have registered in that part of the Register of Interests form relating to DPIs as being an interest of you, your spouse or civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse or civil partner.
- Relates to an interest which should be registered in that part of the Register of Interests form relating to DPIs, but you have not yet done so.

If you are present at any meeting of the Council and you have a DPI relating to any business that will be considered at the meeting, you **must**:

- Not seek to improperly influence decision-making on that matter;

- Make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of the DPI at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent; and
- Leave the room whilst the matter is under consideration

You must not:

- Participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business; or
- Participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

If you have obtained a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer or Standards Committee prior to the matter being considered, then you should make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of the DPI and that you have obtained a dispensation. The dispensation granted will explain the extent to which you are able to participate.

Other Registrable Interests

You will have an 'Other Registrable Interest' (ORI) in a matter if it

- Relates to appointments made by the authority to any outside bodies, membership of: charities, trade unions,, lobbying or campaign groups, voluntary organisations in the borough or governorships at any educational institution within the borough.
- Relates to an interest which you have registered in that part of the Register of Interests form relating to ORIs as being an interest of you, your spouse or civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse or civil partner; or
- Relates to an interest which should be registered in that part of the Register of Interests form relating to ORIs, but you have not yet done so.

Where a matter arises at any meeting of the Council which affects a body or organisation you have named in that part of the Register of Interests Form relating to ORIs, **you must** make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of the DPI at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent. **You may** speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

Disclosure of Other Interests

Where a matter arises at any meeting of the Council which **directly relates** to your financial interest or well-being or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate, you **must** disclose the interest. **You may** speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

Where a matter arises at any meeting of the Council which **affects** your financial interest or well-being, or a financial interest of well-being of a relative or close associate to a greater extent than it affects the financial interest or wellbeing of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest, you **must** declare the interest. You **may** only speak on the matter if members of the public are able to speak. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or voting on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

In all cases, where the Monitoring Officer has agreed that the interest in question is a **sensitive interest**, you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest itself.

Non-Confidential Minutes of the Growth Boroughs Partnership Joint Committee

FRIDAY 13 AUGUST 2021

THIS MEETING WAS LIVE STREAMED AND CAN BE VIEWED HERE:

<https://youtu.be/ZkRHWTCy-ds>

Members Present: Mayor John Biggs (Tower Hamlets Council), Deputy Mayor Clare Blake (Tower Hamlets Council), Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz (Newham Council), Mayor Philip Glanville (Hackney Council) (Chair), Councillor Simon Miller (Waltham Forest Council)

Officers: Sam Cunningham (Growth Boroughs Partnership Manager - Hackney Council), Peter Gray (Governance Services Officer, Hackney Council) Andrew Munk (Head of Employment, Skills and Adult Learning - Hackney Council)

David Hughes (Corporate Director for Inclusive Economy - Newham Council)
Jennifer Daothong (Commercial Director - Waltham Forest Council) Andy Simpson (Head of Strategic Policy - Tower Hamlets Council)

1. Election of Chair

1.1 Mayor Philip Glanville was duly elected to Chair the meeting. It was agreed that the position of Chair should rotate between members of the Joint Committee for all future meetings.

2. Apologies for Absence

2.1 Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Nicholson.

3. Introductions

3.1 All those present introduced themselves. The Mayor welcomed all to the Town Hall and thanked officers and members for their work over the past two years. He expressed regret that meetings were unable to happen virtually..

4. Declarations of Interest

4.1 Mayor Philip Glanville declared that many members of the Joint Committee were also members of the London Legacy Development Corporation.

5. Growth Boroughs Partnership - Terms of Reference

5.1 Mayor Glanville stated that the intention was to refresh the Joint Committee's terms of reference as it shadowed the London Legacy Development Corporation's transition work. There would be a report back on the refreshed terms of reference for the February 2022 meeting.

Action: Andrew Munk

5.2 Andrew Munk reported that there had been a re-set of membership from 6 to 4 members with 2 members from each of the member Boroughs. The quorum was at least one member from each Borough present at the meeting. The Joint Committee would meet twice a year with the next meeting in February 2022.

5.3 Deputy Mayor Clare Blake asked that it be made clear that the membership for each Borough referred to Councillors or Mayors and that appointments to the Joint Committee should be made, not only by Cabinet but by the respective Borough Mayor or Leader.

5.4 Councillor Simon Miller asked that the use of 'Convergence' throughout the terms of reference be reconsidered in the current context of transition. He further asked that the geographical reset be made clear. Andrew Munk confirmed that the next report to the Committee would contain proposals for alternative framing in this regard.

5.5 Mayor Biggs stated that the terms of reference referred to 6 Boroughs. This should read 4 Boroughs.

RESOLVED:

To note the terms of reference and refer back to the four local authorities' Monitoring Officer so that the required amendments can be made.

6. Growth Boroughs Partnership Governance

6.1 Mayor Glanville reported that this item would not now be considered

7. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED:

THAT the press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the Joint Committee during consideration of Exempt Items 8 to 11 on the agenda on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that were members of the public to be present, there would be a disclosure of exempt business as defined in Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

Terms of Reference of the Joint Committee

3.3.18 **Joint Committee of the Four Growth Boroughs**

To act as a joint committee of the London Boroughs of Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest (the four Boroughs) for joint collaboration in relation to convergence and legacy

Functions

To discharge on behalf of the Boroughs the executive functions listed below in so far as they relate to joint activities or areas of common concern in relation to convergence and legacy, as agreed in the business plan:

- i. Management and expenditure of the annual budget as defined by the Inter Authority Agreement made between the four Boroughs.
- ii. Management and expenditure of external funding and all other financial resources allocated to the joint committee, including any funding allocated to the joint committee by any or all of the four Boroughs in addition to the annual budget.
- iii. Approval of an annual business plan.
- iv. Joint promotion of the Growth Boroughs area and its unique portfolio of assets.
- v. Consistent approach to enforcing through planning and procurement requirements the promotion of inclusive economic benefits by developers and contractors.
- vi. Collective promotion of transport and other infrastructure investment including its prioritisation over other parts of London.
- vii. Joint bidding for funding, training and employment programmes, where bids from one Borough will not be entertained.
- viii. The prioritising of inclusive economic principles to meet the social and economic needs of the Growth Boroughs area.
- ix. Working together to protect Growth Boroughs' interests in respect of National and Regional policy and action.
- x. Collective working with employers on jobs and skills.

- xi. Contextual recognition of the varying economic, housing and investment opportunities related to the character and resources of each of the Growth Boroughs.

Any other executive functions relating to joint activities or areas of common concern in relation to convergence and legacy in relation to which funding is allocated through the annual budget or in respect of which external funding or any other financial resources are allocated to the joint committee.

The governance arrangements provide flexibility so that one or more, but less than four Boroughs, can opt out of certain projects insofar as they relate to joint activities or areas of concern. It is within the capacity of the Joint Committee to agree that one or more, but less than four Boroughs, may participate in work with other authorities outside the growth borough arrangements. The Joint Committee will agree any particular project will be undertaken by one or more boroughs outside the responsibilities of the Joint Committee

Membership

Eight Members, comprising two Councillors nominated by the Cabinet from each of the four boroughs for a maximum period not extending beyond any Member's remaining terms of office as a Councillor.

Quorum

At least one Member from each of the four boroughs.

Voting Requirements

Each Member of the Joint Committee will have one vote and all questions coming or arising before the Joint Committee shall be decided by a majority of the members of the Joint Committee present and voting.

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