

Non-Confidential Minutes of the Growth Boroughs Partnership Joint Committee

FRIDAY 13 AUGUST 2021

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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.