

# Attendance List

## Olympic Park Regeneration Steering Group 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting

16 July 2009, Cabinet Office, 70 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2AS

### Chair

Boris Johnson

Mayor of London

### Present

Rt Hon John Denham MP

Secretary of State for Communities and Local  
Government

Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP

Minister for the Olympics

Shahid Malik MP

Parliamentary Under Secretary, Communities and  
Local Government

Cllr Terry Wheeler

London Borough of Waltham Forest (deputy for Cllr  
Chris Robbins, Leader of the Council)

Mayor Jules Pipe

Mayor, London Borough of Hackney

Mayor Sir Robin Wales

Mayor, London Borough of Newham

Cllr Lutfur Rahman

Leader, London Borough of Tower Hamlets

### Apologies

Cllr Chris Roberts

Leader, London Borough of Greenwich

Cllr Chris Robbins

Leader, London Borough of Waltham Forest

# Meeting Summary

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### Introduction

The Chair welcomed Members, as well as Baroness Margaret Ford, attending the meeting as the new Chair of the Olympic Park Legacy Company.

### Olympic Park Legacy Company (OPLC) – update on establishment

Baroness Ford gave the Group an update on the establishment of the OPLC. Considerable progress had been made since the Company was incorporated on 8 May. Andrew Altman would be taking up post as Chief Executive in August, and interviews would shortly be taking place for the independent non-executive Directors. Between July and the end of the year, the Company would be focussing on reviewing its Business Plan and the Legacy Masterplan Framework, and endorsing the Park transformation plans. It would also be reviewing its operational budget. It was confirmed that discussions were continuing over the transfer of land from the London Development Agency.

### Legacy Masterplan Framework (LMF) – feedback on Output C consultation and timetable to publication

Andrew Travers and Rosanna Lawes from the LDA introduced a paper summarising the results from the public consultation around Output C earlier in the year, and outlined the Legacy Company's role in reviewing the Masterplan, and the revised timetable for publishing the final Masterplan and submitting the relevant planning applications. The consultation exercise has been useful in exposing the key issues and priorities for local communities. In response, the LDA would be strengthening the LMF's vision for the Park, and stressing the importance of creating a strong coherent identity.

Baroness Ford said that the revised timetable to publication allowed for closer links to be made between it and the overarching Strategic Regeneration Framework, along with publication of the Mayor's Supplementary Planning Guidance. She stressed that the Company's review of the LMF would build on the LDA's work rather than start from first principles. It was seeking to refine the sporting legacy vision and sustainability elements of the Masterplan. In discussion, the importance of enhancing connectivity between the Park site and surrounding areas was stressed, particularly in relation to the North Eastern and Western edges of the site. It was also important to link the LMF with the legacy vision for the wider Thames Gateway area, and to the broader socio-economic priorities for the area.

### Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) – report on convergence

Sir Robin Wales introduced a report which considered the implications of socio-economic convergence between the Host Boroughs and the rest of London, and a covering paper which suggested possible key performance indicators for measuring progress towards convergence. He said that the opportunity to transform East London was one of the two key legacies from hosting the Games. He stressed the need to close the existing poverty gap through targeted public policy across London. Whilst the Olympics brought physical regeneration, the Boroughs recognised that this needed to be linked closely with socio-economic improvements. The report was the first step to articulating the areas of public policy that needed to be addressed in East London, and the Boroughs were seeking buy-in from all tiers of Government to the principle of convergence.

In discussion, it was noted that the report was well conceived and the level of aspiration was recognised, but there needed to be a better understanding of the implications for public policy and funding decisions and of how best to maximise leverage from the Olympics. It would, therefore, be important to ensure that an Action Plan was ready for consideration at the next OPRSG meeting. It was confirmed that supporting evidence would be produced to assist discussion of the issues at the meeting, and that funding implications would emerge through the development of the Strategic Regeneration Framework. It was, however, important to build partnerships now and endorsing the principle of convergence would help to achieve this. It was recognised that this would be a complex process, involving a range of partners well beyond Government. There was also a need to prioritise the indicators, to help identify where to concentrate effort.

In conclusion the Chair said that there was a broad level of agreement to the principle of convergence but a need for more consideration on how to turn this into a reality. The Boroughs agreed to produce further material for the next meeting.

#### Multi Area Agreement (MAA) – update

It was reported that the Boroughs and Government were close to reaching agreement on an MAA. This would contain three elements, aimed at addressing issues around worklessness, public realm and housing.

#### Public Realm capital expenditure proposals

A presentation was given on CLG's work to identify and prioritise public realm improvement projects in the Host Boroughs. The key action was to focus on schemes which would be deliverable before 2012, and which would achieve benefits both for Games-time and for legacy. Work was on-going to assemble a funding package for these projects.

#### Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20 October 2009,