

Attendance List

Olympic Park Regeneration Steering Group 8th Meeting

19 October 2009, City Hall, London, SE1 2AA

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

Mayor Jules Pipe

Mayor, London Borough of Hackney

Cllr Chris Robbins

Leader, London Borough of Waltham Forest

Cllr John Fahy

London Borough of Greenwich (deputy for Cllr Chris
Roberts)

Apologies

Mayor Sir Robin Wales

Mayor, London Borough of Newham

Cllr Lutfur Rahman

Leader, London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Cllr Chris Roberts

Leader, London Borough of Greenwich

Meeting Summary

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Introduction

The Chair welcomed Members, together with Andrew Altman, attending the meeting as the newly appointed Chief Executive of the Olympic Park Legacy Company.

Strategic Regeneration Framework 1 (SRF 1)

Mayor Jules Pipe introduced the paper, which set out the progress to date in terms of socio economic regeneration and where the Host Boroughs wanted to be in twenty years time. The aim was not just to narrow but to eradicate the gap between the Boroughs and the rest of London. This would be achieved by adopting the principle of convergence between the socio economic indicators for East London and the rest of London in developing and implementing local, regional and national policies. OPRSG Members were asked to:

- Approve the SRF as the basis for regeneration of the Boroughs.
- Agree that the principle of convergence should be enshrined in policy development at all tiers of Government.
- Provide support from all tiers of Government to assist in the production of the Action Plan.

In discussion, the Chair said that the SRF 1 provided a useful framework for developing an Action Plan to implement these principles. It was confirmed that the links between investment and convergence outcomes would be articulated through the Action Plan. In conclusion, OPRSG members agreed to adopt the SRF as the framework for securing the socio-economic legacy of the Games for the communities of the five Host Boroughs, and to sign up to the three principles outlined above. It was noted that an Action Plan would be produced by the Boroughs with the support of national and regional Government officials, to cover the initial period to 2015.

Public Realm Capital Expenditure Proposals

John Denham reported that there had been good progress in refining the list of priority schemes to be taken forward within the Public Realm Investment Programme. A significant proportion of funding had either been committed or was in the pipeline for approval, and there was now a need to explore other funding sources. In discussion, the funding was welcomed, although there was a recognition that work need to start on the projects as soon as possible to ensure that they were complete in time for the Games. There was also a recognition that this represented only part of the current spending by the Boroughs on public realm improvements. In conclusion, the Chair reiterated the need to prioritise the list of projects and noted that a significant proportion of funding had already been committed for the

programme.

Multi Area Agreement (MAA)

It was reported that the MAA was subject to on-going negotiations, but was close to agreement.

Olympic Park Legacy Company

Andrew Altman began by saying that he was grateful for the assistance of partners since he had taken up post, and that he was keen to build relations with all organisations and groups with an interest in the Park site. Current priorities for the Company included the review of the Legacy Masterplan Framework (LMF), working with the Olympic Delivery Authority to scope the transformation phase of development, developing an animation programme for the Park after the Games, concluding discussions with the LDA over the transfer of land, and putting together the Company's first capital budget. The LMF review would increase the focus on the sporting offer in the Park, together with developing the sustainability narrative. It would also raise the profile of the commercial aspects of the Framework and the first phase of development, which would feed into the development of the Company's first Corporate Plan in April 2010.

In discussion, Andrew Altman confirmed that the Company would be building on the LDA's outreach work with local communities, both through building informal relationships and through the more formal consultation mechanisms attached to the next phase of the LMF in 2010. On the level of commercial interest, he recognised that, despite the current economic climate, with world class legacy assets the Park would be well positioned to benefit from commercial development after the Games. He noted that the Village would be a key element of the marketing plan, being the first neighbourhood to be developed on the site, with high amenity value, adjacent to the Stratford City retail development, with excellent transport links and surrounded by high quality landscaping. It would set the standard for housing in the rest of the Park.

AOB

It was agreed that there would be an agenda item at the next meeting on the role of culture, and the Cultural Olympiad, in the regeneration plans for East London.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd February 2010.