

Attendance List

Olympic Park Regeneration Steering Group 6th Meeting

4 February 2009, City Hall, London SE1 2AA

Chair:

Boris Johnson

Mayor of London

Present:

Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP

Minister for Olympics

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Rt Hon Hazel Blears MP

Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Department for Communities and Local Government

Cllr Clyde Loakes

Leader of the Council

London Borough of Waltham Forest

Mayor Jules Pipe

Mayor of Hackney

London Borough of Hackney

Sir Robin Wales

Mayor of Newham

London Borough of Newham

Cllr Lutfur Rahman

Leader of the Council

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Frances Dolan

Representing Cllr Chris Roberts

London Borough of Greenwich

Apologies:

Cllr Chris Roberts

Leader of the Council, LB Greenwich

Meeting Summary

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Introduction:

The Chair welcomed members.

Legacy Masterplan Framework (LMF – Output C) including Venues:

Gareth Blacker (LDA) updated the group on progress with the LMF and plans for the legacy use of the stadium and IBC/MPC. Members of OPRSG were asked to endorse the LMF Output C as the basis for public consultation in February/March 2009; to approve the 'living stadium' (a base legacy of athletics plus a mix of complementary activities, forming a hub of sporting and educational excellence) as the preferred legacy use of the Olympic Stadium, including an educational facility as the anchor tenant; and to approve proposals to develop the IBC/MPC as a permanent facility at Hackney Wick, focused on the creative and media industries and high quality employment, with the possibility of complementary higher education uses.

Jason Prior (EDAW) gave a presentation on Output C of the LMF. Members welcomed this work and agreed the need to maintain ambition. Tessa Jowell set out progress on legacy plans for the stadium, including agreement to establish a vocational educational facility for 300-400 pupils with a sporting specialism. The stadium would have a core sporting legacy of athletics, and would also house the National Skills Academy for Sport and Leisure and a regional centre of the English Institute of Sport.

Following this discussion, members agreed that LMF Output C should form the basis for public consultation, and they authorised the LDA to develop each of these proposals.

Legacy Delivery Vehicle:

Richard Brown (LDA) updated members on progress with the establishment of the legacy delivery vehicle. The proposal was for a company limited by guarantee, with membership consisting of the Government and the Mayor of London. The urgency around the establishment of the company stemmed from the need for leadership and accountability, and engagement with developers. A Chair and Chief Executive would be appointed by April; the company would be launched in April and operational by October.

Members welcomed progress, and Government and the Mayor of London agreed to establish the delivery vehicle. Members highlighted issues including the importance of governance and community involvement.

Multi-Area Agreement (MAA): note on progress:

Philip Cox (CLG) said that certain elements of the MAA would be concluded by April. The worklessness stream was the furthest advanced. On housing, the boroughs were clear what they were asking for. On public realm, the boroughs were working on what they would deliver, in particular on transport and the areas surrounding the Olympic Park.

Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF):

Roger Taylor (Five Boroughs Unit) described how East London represented the highest concentration of deprivation in England, and that radical change was needed to improve life chances and socio-economic prospects. The boroughs' aims for the SRF were to bring East London up to the London average in measures such as health and worklessness, and to consider how these benefits could flow outwards into the wider Thames Gateway.

Communications:

It was noted that advertisements would appear on 15 February for the Chair and Chief Executive of the delivery company, and that there would be a larger-scale announcement about the company once the appointments had been made. OPRSG agreed to issue a press statement on the delivery vehicle on 5 February, with a further press event on 10 February to launch the LMF.

AOB and future dates:

The next meeting will be convened on Monday 8 June 2009.