

Attendance List

Olympic Park Regeneration Steering Group 5th Meeting

8 October 2008, 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 Ohid Ahmed

Representing the Leader of the Council

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Apologies:

Cllr Lutfur Rahman

Leader of the Council, LB Tower Hamlets

Cllr Chris Roberts

Leader of the Council, LB Greenwich

Meeting Summary

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Introduction:

The Chair welcomed members and stressed that following Beijing, there was now a sharp focus on the legacy aspect of the London Games, and that OPRSG must make progress, in particular on the proposed Delivery Vehicle for the Olympic Park.

Overview of legacy workstreams:

Gareth Blacker (LDA) provided the group with an update on the activity that was underway on a number of workstreams, all of which are contributing towards a long-term strategic plan for the Olympic Legacy Park.

On business planning, Grant Thornton and Drivers Jonas were assessing the financial viability of the legacy park and their initial conclusions would be presented to senior borough and government officers on 21 October 2008. On community engagement, a series of events had been held over the summer, engaging over 3,000 people. In terms of private sector engagement, the launch in Beijing of London Calling had so far attracted 56 responses, of which seven were detailed.

Legacy Masterplan Framework: key proposals and next steps:

Jason Prior (EDAW) gave a presentation about the latest stage of the LMF – Output B. This work encompassed the high level vision and ambition, opportunities and constraints and initial testing of design concepts for legacy development that would deliver a world-class model of urban regeneration. Members welcomed this work and agreed the need to maintain ambition. They emphasised the importance of incorporating fringe areas in planning, and of continuing to engage with local communities and the private sector. It was agreed that the LDA should continue to work with partners and the local community to develop plans for the LMF vision and preferred option.

Delivery vehicle mechanism: key proposals and next steps:

The Chair expressed the hope that the group could agree some broad principles around the development of the Delivery Vehicle for the legacy Park. He stressed the need to progress quickly so that the public, business and investors knew with whom to engage. The Host Boroughs and other key

partners needed to be involved in developing the arrangements, and officials from each should be mandated to build on the proposals.

The group agreed that there was a need to identify key issues and for partners to work together. A range of areas including control, accountability, funding, risk and other legal issues should be considered fully. It was agreed that a very intensive period of work was required over the next three months.

The Chair concluded that officials should be instructed to proceed with drawing up plans to establish a suitable Delivery Vehicle for the Park, and that detailed proposals should be brought to the next meeting of OPRSG for endorsement.

Multi Area Agreement and Strategic Regeneration Framework:

Sir Robin Wales (LB Newham) outlined the work undertaken by the Host Boroughs in preparing the Multi Area Agreement. Further engagement would be needed with the GLA and Government, especially in relation to areas around the Olympic Park.

AOB and future dates:

The next meeting will be convened on Wednesday 4 February 2009.