Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

MAYOR OF LONDON

Summary of meeting - London Transition Board

15 July 2021, 13:00-14:30

Co-Chairs:

Minister for London, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Deputy Mayor of London for Business

Guests:

- Angelica Larkin, Deputy Director, Cabinet Office Task Force
- Martin Machray, Joint Regional Chief Nurse and Covid-19 Incident Director, NHS London

1. Chairs' welcome (Minister for London, Deputy Mayor)

1.1. The Minister for London welcomed the London Transition Board members and thanked them for their continued work to tackle Covid-19. The Deputy Mayor welcomed partners' continued support with the vaccination programme, and noted the success of the 'Let's Do London' campaign.

2. Transition Board next steps (Minister for London, Deputy Mayor)

- 2.1. The Minister for London reassured members that engagement between government and local partners would continue after the Board stands down, and stated that he would consider how best to help London move from recovery to resilience.
- 2.2. The Deputy Mayor echoed the Minister's reassurance that forums and relationships outside the Board will remain, and both he and the Mayor planned to continue ongoing business engagement activity. He added that Strategy Group chairs will be invited to join the London Recovery Board to provide continuity.

3. Update on Step 4 of the Roadmap (Deputy Director, Cabinet Office Task Force)

3.1. The Deputy Director of the Cabinet Office Covid-19 Task Force highlighted the key changes in moving to Step 4 and stated that government would continue to monitor progress in the months ahead. Members discussed the importance of having clear guidance to enable businesses to plan for the future; and the impact of strong engagement with the health and voluntary sector to support communities to live with Covid-19.

4. Lessons Learnt update (Regional Director for Public Health London)

4.1. The Regional Director for Public Health London presented findings from the recent exercise to identify lessons, key challenges, positive practice and recommendations from wave two of the pandemic.

5. Strategy Group updates (Strategy Group Chairs)

5.1. Chairs of the Board's Strategy Groups provided updates on current challenges, opportunities and priorities. Despite the challenges of rising infection numbers and the impacts of selfisolation, there is a huge effort across all sectors to monitor, mitigate and prepare, in order to move effectively into recovery.

6. Strategic Co-ordinating Group update (SCG Chair)

6.1. The Chair of London's Strategic Co-ordinating Group (SCG) updated the Board on the SCG's priorities. The full SCG currently meets monthly, but maintains regular, detailed oversight of the situation as London re-opens.

7. AOB and close (Minister for London, Deputy Mayor)

7.1. The Minister for London and Deputy Mayor thanked Board members, Strategy Group chairs and secretariats for their contribution throughout this huge challenge and reassured them that they would continue to work together after the Transition Board stands down.