



Summary of meeting - London Transition Board

1 July 2020, 1600-1730

Co-Chairs: Secretary of State, Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG); and Mayor of London

Annexes:

- Membership list

1. Chairs' welcome and introduction (Mayor, SoS)

- 1.1 The Secretary of State for Communities Housing and Local Government (SoS) welcomed Transition Board (TB) attendees and introduced the items to be discussed, including licensing changes to support businesses reopening on 4 July and the associated issue of growing public confidence.
- 1.2 The Mayor of London echoed the SoS' welcoming remarks and emphasised that London was both looking forward to and cautious about 4 July reopening, with the SCG Chair having already led significant work on this through SCG structures and wider London partnerships.

2. Situational Analysis: Overview of current position in London (Covid-19 Strategic Coordination Group Chair)

- 2.1 The Strategic Coordination Group (SCG) Chair provided a situational update for London, covering the low current infection and mortality rates, and transport service levels. There was also wider TB discussion about Borough outbreak plans, consistency in communications and local funding.

3. Deep dive – planning and licensing (Interim Head of Economic Development and Regeneration, GLA)

- 3.1 The SoS introduced the GLA Interim Head of Economic Development and Regeneration (GLA IH) and asked them to talk about new government licensing powers, borough usage of these powers and any associated concerns. The GLA IH gave a presentation on planning and licensing, stating that Parliament was currently debating an associated Bill which would see significant change in the used of street space for hospitality spaces such as cafes, as well as changes to the off-licence and planning systems.
- 3.2 A discussion followed, covering topics such as permitted development rights, use class flexibility, disability accessibility considerations and the importance of iterative improvements to legislation.

4. Deep dive – Growing public confidence (SCG Information Cell Lead)

- 4.1 The Mayor introduced the second deep dive item on growing public confidence, which included a presentation by the SCG Information Cell Lead (SCG IL), flagging that coordination across local, regional and national partners was crucial on this issue. SCG

ICL detailed the patterns around Londoners' concerns about Covid risks and presented ideas to engage with these (including improvements in messaging and alternative transport).

- 4.2 Discussion followed, covering updates from the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and the Minister for London, with wider discussion on transport capacity, borough outbreak plans, international competition and unified messaging.

5. Strategy Groups reporting (SCG Chair)

- 5.1 The SCG Chair provided a short update on the status of the strategy groups which would support the work of the TB, and whose membership and leadership was being finalised (see Annex I).

6. AOB (the Mayor)

- 6.1 The Mayor proposed that he and the SoS agree a forward look of Board agendas outside of this meeting.

ANNEX I

Membership

Organisation	Role	Name
GLA	Mayor of London	Sadiq Khan – Co-Chair
MHCLG	Secretary of State	Robert Jenrick – Co-Chair
London Councils	Chair	Peter John OBE (Lab)
	Deputy Chair	Georgia Gould (Lab)
	Vice Chair	Teresa O'Neill (Conservative)
	Vice Chair	Ruth Dombey (LibDem)
	Vice Chair	Catherine McGuinness (Ind)
London C19 Co-ordinating Group	Chair	John Barradell
Chief Executives of London Councils	Chair	Zina Etheridge
New West End Company	Chair	Sir Peter Rogers
London First	Chair	Paul Drechsler
TheCityUK	Chairman	Sir Adrian Montague
BEIS	Minister for London	Paul Scully
Camden Town Unlimited	Chief Executive	Simon Pitkeathley
Trust for London	CEO	Bharat Mehta
Transport for London	Commissioner	Mike Brown
Metropolitan Police	Commissioner	Dame Cressida Dick
NHS E	NHS Regional Director for London	David Sloman
Kings College London	Vice President	Baroness Bull
City Bridge Trust	Director	David Farnsworth
National Testing Programme & Leeds City Council	Chief Executive	Tom Riordan

Strategy Groups and Chairs

Steering Group	Chair
Evolution of Outbreak Control	TBC
Business Reopening and Open Spaces	Simon Pitkeathley
Health and Social Care	Sir David Sloman
Communities	TBC
Culture and Arts	Baroness Bull
Education	TBC

Guests:

GLA

Luke Bruce

Alice Reeves

London Councils

John O'Brien