



Summary of meeting - London Transition Board

22 July 2020, 1615-1745

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 Mayor of London welcomed Transition Board (TB) attendees and introduced the items to be discussed, including reopening London's Arts and Culture sector and Outbreak Control.

2. Situational Analysis: Overview of current position in London (Transition Management Group Chair)

- 2.1 The Transition Management Group (SCG) Chair provided an overview of the current situation in London, highlighting that infection rates are currently very low but warning against complacency.
- 2.2 The new governance structure was outlined; the Strategic Coordination Group has become the Transition Management Group, to provide a mechanism for escalating risks seen at a local level.
- 2.3 The Board discussed the reopening of the West End, and agreed on the importance of coordinated, confident and consistent messaging to build public confidence.

3. Update on Reopening London's Arts and Culture Sector

- 3.1 The Mayor invited the Chair of the Arts and Culture Strategy Group to update the Board on the status of arts and culture and on concerns expressed by the sector.
- 3.2 A discussion followed, covering topics such as the importance of the sector for tourism, London's economic recovery and how the UK compares to other countries globally.
- 3.3 The Board members were given an update on Tube usage by the Commissioner of TFL which highlighted ongoing work on cleanliness and full services being provided to enable social distancing.

4. Update on Outbreak Control (Head of Health, GLA)

- 4.1 The Mayor invited the Head of Health at the GLA to inform the Board about work that has been ongoing to understand the impacts of Covid on the population and the measures in place to prevent outbreaks.
- 4.2 Discussion followed, with a focus on the importance of communication, strong local partnerships and testing to help to prevent and manage potential outbreaks. The Test

and Trace programme was identified as an important means of managing outbreaks and building public confidence.

5. Update on Strategy Groups

- 5.1 The Chair of the Business Reopening and Open Spaces Strategy Group confirmed the group's priorities as building confidence in use of the transport network; the need for ongoing business support; and continuing to open the public realm and high street space safely. There was, he said, an overarching theme of clarity of message over returning to work and leisure activities. He noted that the Strategy Group will present at next Board.
- 5.2 The Chair of the Education Strategy Group identified the group's priority as schools reopening safely in September. Education will also present at the next Board.
- 5.3 The Wellbeing work stream is being considered in collaboration with an organisation focused on improving the mental health and wellbeing of Londoners.

6. AOB

- 6.1 The Mayor and SoS thanked Board members for their input and flagged the dates of future meetings.

6.2 ANNEX I

Membership

Organisation	Role	Name
GLA	Mayor of London	Sadiq Khan – Co-Chair
MHCLG	Secretary of State	Robert Jenrick – Co-Chair
BEIS	Minister for London	Paul Scully
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 Transition Management 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	Chair	Sir Adrian Montague
Camden Town Unlimited	Chief Executive	Simon Pitkeathley
Trust for London	CEO	Bharat Mehta
Transport for London	Commissioner	Andy Byford
Metropolitan Police	Commissioner	Dame Cressida Dick
NHS England	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
Public Health England	Regional Director	Kevin Fenton

Strategy Groups and Chairs

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

Guests:

Paul Plant, Public Health England

Vicky Hobart, Head of health, GLA

Moira Gibb, Test and Trace Regional Convenor for London

Shonagh Manson, Assistant Director, Culture and Creative Industries, GLA