



Summary of meeting - London Transition Board

12 August 2020, 1600-1730

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

Annexes: Membership list, guests and apologies

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

- 1.1 The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (SoS) and the Mayor of London welcomed London Transition Board (LTB) members and guests, and introduced the items to be discussed. These included transport and business confidence, and the restarting of schools in September. SoS introduced Carolyn Wilkins, who has replaced Tom Riordan as National Contain Lead.

2. Update on restarting of schools (Education Strategy Group Chair)

- 2.1 The SoS invited the Chair of the Education Strategy Group to update Board members on plans to reopen schools in September, including associated transport plans.
- 2.2 Discussion followed, covering topics including the importance of maintaining arts and cultural aspects of the curriculum, mental health and safe-guarding concerns, as well as the role of wrap-around childcare in driving the wider restart of the economy. Attention was given to support that may be needed to encourage disadvantaged students to return to school.

3. London situational update (Transition Management Group Chair)

- 3.1 The London Transition Management Group (LTMG) Chair provided an overview of the current situation in London, highlighting that partners are progressing work around outbreak escalation processes.
- 3.2 Attendees discussed the planned role of compliance scoring on locations in London in order to drive increased public understanding and confidence of risks associated with travelling to particular places.

4. Update on transport and business (Business Reopening Strategy Group Chair)

- 4.1 The Business Reopening Strategy Group Chair and the TfL Commissioner updated the Board on the challenges associated with business reopening, specifically through the lens of transport use in London.
- 4.2 A status update was provided on public transport, highlighting the extensive work put into safety measures and effective cleaning, and underpinning communications and enforcement. Alongside this, the importance of businesses and cultural spaces reopening was raised.

5. Strategy Group updates

- 5.1 The Outbreak Control Strategy Group Chair provided an update on ongoing work including outbreak escalations and developing London's testing strategy.

6. AOB

- 6.1 SoS and the Mayor thanked Board members for their work and reflected on the key themes which were discussed, notably around increasing confidence to help drive an effective social and economic recovery in London.

ANNEX A

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 Contain Lead & Oldham City Council	Chief Executive	Carolyn Wilkins
Public Health England	Regional Director	Kevin Fenton

Guests:

Vicky Ford, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, DfE
Mike Pettifer, Director, Covid Response Unit, Department for Education
Baroness Vere, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport

Apologies:

Bharat Mehta, Trust for London
Cllr Ruth Dombey, Leader of Sutton Council
Cllr Teresa O'Neill, Vice Chair, London Councils
Will Garton, HM Treasury