Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

MAYOR OF LONDON

Summary of meeting - London Transition Board

2 September 2020, 1600-1730

Co-Chairs: Lord Stephen Greenhalgh, Minister of State, Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and the Home Office; and Mayor of London

Annexes: Membership list, guests and apologies

- 1. Chairs' welcome and introduction (Mayor, Minister Greenhalgh)
- 1.1 The Mayor of London welcomed the London Transition Board (LTB) attendees and invited Minister Stephen Greenhalgh to provide opening remarks.
- 1.2 Minister Greenhalgh recognised the challenges faced by Londoners and the Board in addressing Covid and commended the Board for the work being undertaken.
- 1.3 The Mayor noted that The Transition Board is an excellent example of central and regional government working together and noted the challenges currently faced by arts and culture.
- 2. London situational update (Transition Management Group Chair)
- 2.1 The London Transition Management Group (LTMG) Chair provided an overview of the current situation in London, highlighting the ongoing financial challenges associated with the social and economic recovery.
- 2.2 Attendees discussed the work around ensuring public transport remains safe to use, and Londoners have the confidence to utilise the services.
- 3. Update on West End recovery work (Minister for London)
- 3.1 The Minister for London, provided an update on joint efforts by local and national partners to ensure a safe and sustainable recovery in the West End. The importance of the West End to the UK economy was a common theme, as was the role of clear messaging and easy access to data to drive public awareness of risks.
- 4. Update on outbreak control (Outbreak Control Strategy Group Chair)
- 4.1 The Outbreak Control Strategy Group updated the Board on developments around London's approach to outbreak control, focussing on current trends and the associated response plan. Particular attention was given to the escalation process from local to national partners.
- 4.2 The Board also discussed the potential learning that any future Covid vaccine delivery can take from the ongoing seasonal flu vaccination approach.
- 5. Update on health and social care (Health and Social Care Strategy Group Sponsor)

5.1 The Health and Social Care Strategy Group updated the Board on the learnings from the first wave and priorities for the months ahead, including around restoring suspended services and building resilience for any future waves. Particular attention was also given to mental health, financial impacts and the ongoing parallel work around flu vaccinations.

6. AOB

6.1 The Mayor and Minister Greenhalgh thanked Board members for their work and reflected on the key themes which were discussed, notably around the ongoing importance of building public confidence and the joint work across outbreak control and health and social care on flu vaccination.

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	Chair	John Barradell
Management Group		
Chief Executives of London Councils	Chair	Zina Etheridge
	Chair	Sir Dotor Dogoro
New West End Company	_	Sir Peter Rogers Paul Drechsler
London First	Chair	
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:

Stephen Greenhalgh, Minister of State, MHCLG and the Home Office

Dido Harding, Interim Chair National Institute for Health Protection

Chief Superintendent Dawn Morris, Outbreak Control Strategy Group

Paul Najsarek, Co-chair of Health and Social Care Strategy Group; Lead Chief Executive for Adult Social Services; Chief Executive of Ealing Council.

Martin Machray, Co-chair of Health and Social Care Strategy Group; NHS London Joint Regional Chief Nurse and Covid-19 Incident Director

Nick Ephgrave, Assistant Commissioner, Metropolitan Police