**London Anchor Institutions’ Network Green New Deal Working Group Minutes**

**20th July 2023**

**Attendees:**

Emma Carroll (GLA), Gintare Masiulyte (GLA), Jane Bartman (Bloomberg), Phil Parle (AOC), Brian Cuthbertson (CoE), Andrew Gilbert (LJF), Daniella Myers (LJF), Anna Gunstone (London Higher), Suzie Alavi (GLA), Jennifer Porter (LFB), Cheryl Lloyd (LSEC), Kyle Lyons (TfL), Lucy Neville (TfL), Kirsty Macaulay (NHS), Natalie Isaac (UoL), Michelle McCann (NHS), Carolina Buneder (TfL), Jon Emmett (GLA), Olivia Tusinski (GLA), Judith Abbott (Newham College), Alexandra Williams (CoL),Valeria Caltabiano (NCC) , Claudia Ranford (GLA), Johanna Sutton (GLA)

**Apologise:**

Catherine Barber (GLA), Riikka Vihriala (NCC), Souraya Ali (GLA)

**Agenda & overview**

* Gintare Masiulyte opened the session and outlined the agenda for the meeting, with this meeting focusing on procurement and peer-to-peer learning.
* Jennifer (Jenny) Porter from the London Fire Brigade (LFB) was welcomed to the group and gave a brief introduction. Jenny is responsible for green energy, environmental protection, responsible procurement, and strategy and also sits on the LAIN Procurement Working Group.

**London Fire Brigade Introduction**

* Jenny Porter presented on environment activity taking place at the LFB (see slide pack). In summary, this focuses on the following topics, closely aligned to the Anchors GND Working Group:
  + Estate decarbonisation
  + Workforce and skills
    - 100% of staff completing environment training (1,151 completed to date)
    - All new senior leaders training on ‘Carbon Impact’.
    - Aiming to train 5000 (with a team of 3 people)
  + Last mile deliveries
    - Target to achieve last mile deliveries by 2025 (working on this as part of GLA Group Responsible Procurement)
  + EV infrastructure
    - All stations have EV charging points (limited by electrical infrastructure)
    - Target: fully net-zero fleets by 2035

**NHS London Procurement Partnership (LPP)**

* Michelle McCann (NHS Chief Sustainability and Innovation Officer at the LPP) gave a presentation, focused on responsible procurement, which works to be considerate of society and the wider environment (people & planet).
* She highlighted tools such as the ‘Pan London Social Value Toolkit’, which aims to improve consistency and transparency in procurement activity.
* Examples of work in action included a ‘Walking Aid Reuse Scheme’, focused on reducing waste (environmental benefits), and cost saving 'Active Vehicle Tracking’ which utilises data to help make informed decisions about deliveries and EV infrastructure development.
* Michelle highlighted challenges with mapping ‘Scope 3’ Carbon Emissions and evidencing the ‘cost-benefit’ analyse of sustainability initiatives.
* Case study examples were highlighted as incredibly important to galvanise activity across diverse trusts (potential for this learning to be applied across to other membership organisations).

**Net-Zero Last Mile Deliveries**

* Presentation from Lucy Neville, Carolina Buneder (TfL) and Jane Bartman (Bloomberg) noted opportunities to work collaboratively to reduce emissions from delivery and servicing (as per the slide deck).
* As part of this, a roadmap for action (identifying keys steps and stages) was laid out to Anchor organisations, giving detail around timings and capacity required.
* A more detailed approach to Step 1 – ‘Developing and defining ambition’ and Step 2 – Screening and identification of contracts pipeline was outlined. This explored relevant policy and strategy and national/local targets and levers.
* Anchors were actively engaged in this presentation, with the LFB and NHS highlighting live work and outlining potential barriers to activity.
  + LFB:
    - Currently working out a robust approach to identify all vehicles in the wider supply chain, that deliver to fire stations and are not LFB owned (e.g., ‘day vans’)
    - Policy is needed around EV charging for vehicles on site (that are not owned by the LFB)
  + NHS:
    - Work needed to consider how to work with individual trusts (providers), maybe this could map across to other Anchors (e.g., London Higher)
    - Need to explore how much of this work is already sitting in strategy and local plans (perhaps with a different name). Need for active scoping on a trust-by-trust basis.
* **Action:** **All anchors** to provide a verbal update in September meeting on:
  + Actions taken since July meeting.
  + Key questions answered or TBD.
  + Updates on thinking and ambition development.

**GLA London Climate Finance Facility Update**

* First window is open for the Mayor’s new £500m Green Finance Fund (closes in September). Applications are welcomed for projects relating to energy efficiency, clean transportation, and renewable energy.
  + Learn more and submit an EOI at https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/environment-and-climate-change/climate-change/zero-carbon-london/london-climate-finance-facility/green-finance-fund; contact greenfinance@london.gov.uk
* Actions encourage to engage and have conversations to support applications to this, even if this is in the very early stages.
* The GLA is continuing to provide support for the Retrofit Acceleration- Workplaces and Local Energy Accelerator Fund.
  + Learn more at https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/environment-and-climate-change/energy/low-carbon-accelerators; contact retrofitaccelerator@london.gov.uk or LEA@london.gov.uk

**London Climate Resilience Review**

* Work is looking to map and understand London’s resilience to climate change, to support future planning and activity across organisations in the capital (business, local authorities). Recommendations will be published at COP 28, in December 2023.
* **Call to action for Anchors** to submit evidence by Saturday 2 September via: [LondonClimateResilienceReview@london.gov.uk](mailto:LondonClimateResilienceReview@london.gov.uk) Keen to visit/hear about example of working to support adaptation and where the impacts are being felt keenly.
* More information: https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/environment-and-climate-change/climate-change/climate-adaptation/london-climate-resilience-review

**AOB**

* Update from the central LAIN team:
  + Comms activity (development of social media assets)
  + London Partnership Board was flagged, which in the next meeting will discuss the London’s Anchor’s Network (LAIN)
  + Reporting activity to take place twice a year (reporting on existing measures, alongside new targets).