

LAIN Green New Deal Working Group minutes

18 February 2022

1 – 2pm GMT (remote)

Attendees:

Giuliana Huerta-Mercado, Mira Atherton, Adam Freed (Bloomberg), Brian Cuthbertson (Church of England, Diocese of London), Alejandro Colsa (Chair), Catherine Barber, Nick Biskinis (Greater London Authority), Rabbi Mark Goldsmith (London Jewish Forum), Henry Griffiths (London South East Colleges), Kirsty Macaulay (NHS), Matt Wilkinson (University of London)

Apologies:

Mary Vine-Morris (Association of Colleges), Sam Gurney (Trades Union Congress)

1. Introduction

- The Chair welcomed everyone and set out the aims of the meeting and working group which was to define goals, KPIs, and agree the next steps
- CB set out the context for the Working Group, which sprang from the Mayor's objectives to tackle the climate crisis, improve air quality and double the size of London's green economy within the overarching goal of London becoming net zero by 2030. Highlighted the role Anchor Institutions can play in delivering on this agenda.

2. Progress to date

- The Chair provided context on the work to date, which includes:
 - Setting out the preliminary meetings held so far when the Anchor stakeholder structure was being designed – e.g. 1-2-1 interviews with participants over what they wanted to see by 2030 and to identify how collaboration could accelerate and add value to their ongoing work.
 - Getting steer from Steering Committee and Green New Deal senior responsible officers from GLA and London Councils
 - Underscoring that the Working Group was to be collaborative and action orientated, with outputs not just discussion

3. Proposed Working Group

GHM presented the proposed scope, goal and KPIs of the Working Group, highlighting the key focus would be on public sector estate decarbonisation and workforce development within built environment sub-sector (content as per slides).

Discussion points raised by members:

- Overall support for structure, purpose and goal. Decarbonisation of estates and workforce development relevant issues for Working Group members
- Issues were raised about how comprehensive the Working Group would be – whether there would be more stakeholders involved or if the approach was to distil the Group to key contacts. Chair highlighted that Working Group members need to be part of Anchor Institutions Network first, and that membership could be widen in time

- Opportunities for umbrella organisation members (e.g. faith groups, universities, etc) to cascade information and ideas to their wider networks so that the Group could build capacity
- Concerns that the scope of 'public sector and skills' was too vast a workstream so wanted to know how the Group would prioritise. Chair clarified that the group would not be looking at green skills per se but would focus on the workforce development opportunities from building decarbonisation initiatives
- Opportunities to maximise members' work with GLA-sponsored Green Academies, and opportunities to support green apprenticeships (e.g. within faith groups)
- Chair highlighted that GLA Skills team colleagues will be part of the Working Group and that this should be considered as part of the development of the work plan
- Noted the need to get clarity on the role of offsetting for 2030 net zero and how to ensure the process is transparent. Chair highlighted that offsetting is part of net zero pathways and that the group will be kept informed of any guidance development

4. Working Group Goal and KPIs

- GHM outlined the scope of the Working Group's goals within the context of the Mayor's key targets around net zero 2030 and listed suggestions for KPIs for the Group
- Chair stressed the Working Group would not seek to impose new reporting burdens. The workplan would seek to be in harmony with members' internal reporting. The aim was alignment, not to overburden
- Members highlighted the opportunities/strengths that can come from having collective joint reporting data to demonstrate the role of Anchor Institutions on delivering on Green New Deal

5. GLA Estate and Decarbonisation Initiatives

- Chair noted importance of understanding the context of ongoing retrofit work within the Recovery Programme, including within GLA Group and Commercial Sector. Chair highlighted that the Working Group was not an island or silo but should collaborate with other stakeholder groups and Working Groups to ensure there is no duplication of workstreams

6. Timeline

- Chair highlighted the current goal was for monthly meetings until June 2022(5 meetings) - all agreed.
- Next step is to agree the work plan and to know who the key primary and secondary contacts for each stakeholder member would be

Actions:

- **Each member to provide key contacts from their organisations who will be primary/secondary contacts to Nicholas Biskinis**
- **GLA/Bloomberg to circulate Doodle Poll to agree a regular timeslot for meetings**
- **Bloomberg and GLA colleagues will start working on a work plan and bring it to next meeting for discussion**
- **Bloomberg to send a template for reporting and potential KPIs**

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for w/c March 14th, 2022