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

**22nd March 2023**

**Attendees:**

Emma Carroll (GLA), Gintare Masiulyte (GLA), Brian Cuthbertson (Church of England), Emma Brooker (Church of England), Anna Gunstone (London Higher), Paul Stephen (Newham College), Glen Lambert (Newham College), Riikka Vihriala (NCC), Mark Simonds (TfL), Ryan Wallace (UoL), Loraine Williams (LSEC), Andrew Gilbert (LJF), Jane Bartman (Bloomberg), Souraya Ali (GLA), Suzie Alavi (GLA), Tim Rudin (TfL), Lucy Neville (TfL)

**Apologies:**

Catherine Barber (GLA), Kirsty Macaulay (NHS), Andrew Cox (LSEC), Sam Longman (TfL), Kyle Lyons (TfL), Adam Freed (Bloomberg), Mary Vine-Morris (Association of Colleges), Darren de Souza (London Higher), Olivia Tusinski (GLA)

**Agenda & Overview**

* Introductions were made by Gintare Masiulyte, who is new to the GLA (having moved from Defra). Gintare is taking over from the post previously held by Alejandro Colsa-Perez and will be working with the Anchors over the next 12 months.
* Gintare noted that the focus of the meeting would be on forward planning and defining working group focus for 2023/2024. Paul Stephen and Glen Lambert were welcomed from Newham College, who have recently joined the GND working group.

**Introduction – Newham College NHS**

* Paul Stephen (Newham College) provided an overview of work at the college and aspirations to go ‘green’.
* The college has 10,000 students (2,000 young people & 8,000 adults). Specialisms in engineering and the built Environment, Health Sciences and digital (up to level 5).
* Staff at the college all have personal low carbon targets and significant investment has been made to reduce the carbon footprint of the college (installing air source heat pumps, retrofit, demolition).
* Involved in the development of a standardised and consistent offer across the FE green skills space.

**Forward Planning**

Emma Carroll highlighted the achievement of the GND working group in 2023:

* + 70 projects submitted to the London net-zero decarbonisation pipeline
	+ 3+ Anchors engaged with the GLA’s Retrofit Accelerator- Workplaces
	+ 20 NHS GPs connected to the Mayors Business Climate Challenge
	+ Applications to the London Community Energy Fund (supported with targeted workshops)
	+ Targets for carbon reduction and green skill development across all Anchors

Gintare outlined 4 potential focus areas for the group for 2023-2024, before opening to the floor for wider discussion. The 4 areas being estate decarbonisation, green skills and workforce development, procurement, and Electric vehicles (see slides for additional detail). The group also discussed green energy as a wider interest area for Anchors network.

* Anchors expressed that they would be keen to receive specific training on estate decarbonisation, suggestions for this included targeted sessions around financing options, technical maintenance, carbon charging and highlighting best practice. Anchors also expressed that they would be keen to attend a specific session on electric vehicle charging. GLA will share further questions to understand specific training needs.
* Anchors also supported proposals to creating a shared ‘off-the-shelf’ estate decarbonisation training list. The group discussed how this work stream can be made a legacy activity while sustaining the achievements. The group discussed possibility to include a requirement for carbon literacy training in induction materials and for senior leaders. GLA will consider any potential join up opportunities with the carbon literacy training that will be developed for GLA staff.
* The group discussed potential work area on green skills supply and demand convening. Further conversations are needed to define the work area.
* Anchors are keen to work on activity related to procurement and recognise that this is a big opportunity to decarbonise organisational activity. Members gave examples of procurement areas that have sustainability aspect, such as power purchase agreements, ISO 20400, Re: Fit framework. The group then received a presentation on Last Mile Deliveries, the work on which can be taken forward through a sub-group for interested anchors.

**TfL Procurement Presentation – Zero Emission Last Mile Deliveries**

Procurement was presented as a tool to accelerate decarbonisation activity. Anchors expressed interested in the work and would be keen to explore procurement as a tool for decarbonisation activity further.

Tim Rudin and Lucy Neville, presented to the group on the ‘GLA Group Zero Emission Last Mile Deliveries Project’ *(see attached slides).* The presentation gave an overview on the Mayor’s Transport Strategy and the impact of freight traffic for emissions in London.

The Anchors could potentially approach this work though a sub-working group which could help walk Anchors through steps such as identification of suppliers, review of contracts, amendment of contracts.

TfL can share TfL’s/GLA’s approach and templates. A number of documents will be developed that can be shared with the Anchors and adapted for them as they are. These are expected to include engagement templates and contractual documents such as terms and conditions, tender questions, etc.

**Next steps & AOB**

* Next 121s will take place in April. The focus of these meeting will be to define targets for confirmed pillars.
* The next WG meeting will take place on the 18th of May 2023.

**Actions:**

* GLA to share any further questions ahead of 121s.
* Anchors to reflect on the conversation and consider setting targets for confirmed activity pillars.