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London Plan Working Group

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Strategy Committee

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Summary

Recommending that the Committee establish a London Plan Working Party and agree its terms of reference.

Recommendation

To establish a London Plan Working Group with agreed terms of reference, to appoint the Chair and Members of that Working Group and to agree a provisional programme of work for the Working Group.

Introduction/Background

1. At the Appointments and Urgency Committee on 13 July 2017, it was agreed that the Commissioner be asked to present proposals to the next meeting of the Authority's Strategy Committee for the establishment of, and work programme for, a London Plan Working Group.
2. Officially the London Plan is called the Mayor's Spatial Development Strategy. It has two main purposes. Firstly, the London Plan brings together the Mayor's other strategies, such as those dealing with housing, transport, economic development and environment. It explores how the policies put forward in the separate strategies can be coordinated to complement one another for the benefit of the capital as a whole.
3. The Plan also provides the 33 boroughs with an overarching framework for their local plans, helping them to tackle strategic as well as local issues effectively.
4. The Mayor has a duty to keep the London Plan under review so that it addresses changing trends and issues.
5. The draft London Plan will be in preparation during the coming months, and is expected to be released for public consultation this Autumn and published in Autumn 2019, the existing timetable is below:

| Timetable for the full review of the London Plan | |
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| Informal consultation | October to December 2016 |
| Draft London Plan consultation | Autumn 2017 |
| Examination in Public (EiP) | Summer 2018 |
| Publish final London Plan | Autumn 2019 |

6. On 28 July 2017, following the Grenfell fire, the Government announced an Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety, chaired by Dame Judith Hackitt, had been commissioned. The Review will assess the effectiveness of current building and fire safety regulations and related compliance and enforcement issues. While the Review will cover the regulatory system for all buildings, it will have a specific focus on multi-occupancy high rise residential buildings.
7. The Review will focus on the following:
 - the regulatory system around the design, construction and on-going management of buildings in relation to fire safety;
 - related compliance and enforcement issues; and
 - international regulation and experience in this area.
8. The Review will report jointly to the Communities Secretary and the Home Secretary. An interim report will be submitted in Autumn 2017 and a final report submitted in Spring 2018. The Review

will co-operate with the Public Inquiry and any recommendations from the Inquiry will be considered as part of the Review.

9. Officers will be supporting and contributing to the Review. Recommendations arising from the Review and the interim report will be reported to London Plan Working Group.
10. The London Safety Plan 2017, was approved by the Authority on 30 March 2017 (*FEP2723*) and is supported by a set of commitments. The commitments are arranged under the three aims of Prevention and Protection, Response and Resilience and People and Resources. They include our commitment to:
 - continue to work hard to raise safety standards, providing readily available sources of information with regard to important safety advice, such as single point of reference for product recalls;
 - continue to promote sprinklers as part of our prevention work including supporting proposals put forward by the Association of British Insurers (ABI) to ensure sprinklers are installed in more high-risk buildings;
 - increase our engagement with the development of innovative technology to influence partners to install appropriate Automatic Fire Suppression System (AFSS)/detection (including sprinklers) and alarms to protect the most vulnerable and for firefighter safety in all housing tenure. We'll also build on our existing relationships and develop new partnerships with housing providers, care providers, local authorities, regulators and trade associations to reduce risk and raise awareness of fire risk and the benefits of installing Automatic Fire Detection (AFD)/AFSS; and
 - work with the building industry, looking at innovative design for new buildings, regeneration of older properties and the development of major transport infrastructure.

Terms of Reference

11. It is proposed that a London Plan Working Group be established with the following terms of reference:
 - a. To consider issues of relevance to the Authority in the Mayor of London's consultation on the Draft London Plan; and
 - b. To recommend a proposed LFEPa response to the Mayor's Draft London Plan to the Authority.

Forward Programme of Business

12. It is proposed that the following issues are considered by the London Plan Working Group through the Autumn and Winter 2017/18:

- **Sprinklers**, specifically in :
 - Blocks of flats and maisonettes;
 - Domestic premises housing the most vulnerable ;
 - Commercial premises that present a significant risk due to construction, size or

use;

- Residential care homes; and
- Schools.

- **Quality of Housing**

- **Design and Maintenance of buildings**, including :

- Compartmentation;
- Fire doors.

- **Specialist skills and capacity within professions:**

- Fire risk assessors;
- Fire engineers.

13. If agreed, this programme will form the basis of the work of the Group and can be amended as Members wish over the life of the Group. Democratic Services team will arrange meetings of the Working Group in order to deliver this programme.

Head of Legal and Democratic Services comments

14. In planning and discharging their programme of work, the Working Party will need to be mindful of the work of the Grenfell Public inquiry. They will be advised accordingly.

Director of Finance and Contractual Services comments

15. This report recommends that the Committee creates a London Plan Working Party and agree its terms of reference. There is no additional cost envisaged as the Working Party will be made up of LFEPA Members and existing resources will be used to service their meetings.

Sustainable Development implications

16. There are no sustainable development implications arising from this Report. However, sustainable development implications will be considered as work arising from the issues are addressed.

Staff Side Consultations undertaken

17. Staff side consultation has not been taken as part of this Report. Staff side consultation will take place as work arising from the issues are addressed.

Equalities implications

18. Equalities implications will be considered as work arising from the issues are addressed.

List of Appendices to this report:

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| LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 | |
| List of background documents | |
| 1. Appointments and Urgency Minutes 13 July 2017 | |
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