

MINUTES

Meeting: London Markets Board
Date: Thursday 8 February 2018
Time: 10.00 am
**Place: City Hall, The Queen's Walk,
London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

Members:

Jules Pipe CBE (Chair)
Diane Cunningham
Helen Evans (Co-Chair)
John Burton
Debbie Carpenter
Ian Dodds
Darren Henaghan
Stuart Horwood
Hilary Paxman
Kay Richardson
Hazel Simmonds
John Shepherd
Cllr Rachel Tripp
Graham Wilson
Joe Harrison

Also in attendance:

Souraya Ali
Debbie Jackson
Louise Duggan
Tina Jadav
Maria Diaz

1 Welcome and scene setting – Jules Pipe (Chair)

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Board.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Cllr Nadia Shah and Fiona Plumpton (observer).
- 1.3 The Chair announced the appointment of Helen Evans – Member of the London Food Board - as Co-Chair of the Board.
- 1.4 The Chair explained that Seamus Adams has left his position at Hackney Council and resigned from the London Markets Board (LMB).
- 1.5 The Chair reiterated the Mayor’s support for the streets and covered markets agenda. He highlighted that until the next Mayoral elections there will be nine meetings of the LMB, and therefore that working groups meeting between Board meetings will be integral to progressing this agenda.
- 1.6 The Chair highlighted that resources for the markets agenda are limited, both in terms of GLA officer time and funding. Given this context he flagged the need to prioritise and focus on key recommendations from the *Understanding London’s Markets* report.
- 1.7 No declarations of interests were made in relation to any of the agenda items.
- 1.8 The Chair indicated that papers and minutes of the meetings will be published on www.london.gov.uk.

2 Introduction from all members of the London Markets Board – Round table

- 2.1 All Board members introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their experience and links to markets.

3 Terms of reference – Louise Duggan

- 3.1 Louise Duggan presented the Terms of Reference for the Board highlighting the main issues for consideration.
- 3.2 Members of the Board were also advised that any requests from the media in relation to the Board should be directed to the GLA press team

Decisions:

- a) **That the Terms of Reference of the group were approved.**
- b) **That it is important to ensure connection between this group and other related Boards under the Mayor’s remit (e.g. London Food board, London Health Board).**

4 Presentation of the ‘Understanding London’s Markets’ report – Tina Jadav

- 4.1 Tina Jadav presented an overview of the GLA’s ‘Understanding London’s Markets’ report and outlined the recommendations.
- 4.2 It was suggested that the recommendations form the basis of an action plan for the Board and be prioritised according to importance, resource requirements, and timeframes.
- 4.3 There was general agreement from Board members that the recommendations are closely aligned to current needs of the market sector and that the top priority for year 1 is to explore how legislation can be (i) used more effectively and (ii) potentially amended.
- 4.4 The LMB agreed that understanding how legislation is currently interpreted and implemented across Local Authorities should be the first step. Best practice guidance could then be developed and shared with all Local Authorities and operators. The guidance would make clear the various forms of legislation which exist and govern London markets including Part III of the Food Act, the Highways Act and the London Local Authorities Act. It was acknowledged that this may reveal the need to amend the legislation and that this would be a medium-term priority for the LMB. The LMB noted the importance of engaging at an early stage with London Councils.
- 4.6 The LMB agreed the proposed recommendations for areas of focus for year 2 including lowering barriers to entry for traders through a trader’s passport project and building on the work of ‘Understanding London’s Markets’ to better demonstrate the value of street and covered markets. The board agreed with the rationale to work towards establishing new pilots and programmes in year 2.
- 4.7 Other areas of interest discussed by the group included:
- the provision of business support for market traders
 - guidance for privately run markets to ensure transparency
 - how to engage with young people to support them to become market traders.

Decisions:

- a) That the overall recommendations of the report were agreed.**
- b) That a working group should be established to explore how London markets legislation is interpreted and implemented by boroughs and how this affects the management of markets. Members that want to be in the group should email Maria Diaz.**
- c) That, subject to the findings of initial research, the working group would look into the benefits of a review of the London markets legislation.**

5 Introduction of the 10th International Markets Conference – Debbie Jackson

- 5.1 Members received an update on the 10th International Markets Conference that will be co-hosted by London and Project for Public Spaces (PPS). The Conference will take place in early June 2019.
- 5.2 Members agreed with the overall objectives of the draft agenda for the conference. Members highlighted the importance of ensuring the conference has components around inclusion and young people.

Decisions:

That members who want to volunteer to work on the International Markets Conference should contact Maria Diaz.

6 Any Other Business

- 6.1 GLA Officers have been approached by a private markets provider company requesting a meeting with the London Markets Board. The market provider wants to seek advice on how to establish a market in an area of London that is being regenerated.
- 6.2 Amy Lame, the Mayor's Night Czar, has requested to attend the next meeting of the LMB to discuss the night time economy and high street markets.
- 6.3 The group indicated that a communications plan should be drafted and published as soon as possible. The importance of developing good communication links with high street markets as well as traders was highlighted. The group agreed to send their views and suggestions to Maria so GLA officers can present a draft communication plan for discussion at the next LMB meeting.

Decisions:

- a) That it is too early for the Board to meet with external organisations as a group and provide advice. However, individual members of the Board can meet on individual basis (not as representative of the LMB) with private providers.**
- b) That Amy Lame be invited to the next meeting of the Board**
- c) That GLA officers will present a draft communications plan at the next meeting of the Board.**

7 Date of Next Meeting

- 7.1 The next meeting of the Board is 25th May from 13.00 to 15.00 and will take place in New Covent Garden Market premises.

8 Close of Meeting

The meeting ended at 12.00 pm.

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