

# ITEM 6

## Camden Local Strategic Partnership

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<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Central London Forward: a briefing for LSPs</b>
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<b>Purpose</b>	The London Borough of Camden has been invited to join Central London Forward, a group of six Central London local authorities working at a strategic level to influence policy makers.
<b>Recommendations</b>	The LSP is asked to note and comment on the briefing at Appendix 1 and the Central London Forward Terms of Reference at Appendix 2.

## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The London Borough of Camden has been invited to join Central London Forward, a group of six Central London local authorities working at a strategic level to influence policy makers on matters of mutual interest to the communities and businesses of Central London.
- 1.2 The Council's Executive will make a decision on 30th January 2008 on whether to join Central London Forward.
- 1.3 More information about Central London Forward can be found in a briefing at Appendix 1. The group's Terms of Reference are at Appendix 2.
- 1.4 Hard copies of Central London Forward's report, *The impact of churn and migration on population estimates for Central London (Dec 2007)* are available from Mary Burguieres.

## A BRIEFING FOR LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS ON CENTRAL LONDON FORWARD

### Introduction

1. This paper provides a briefing for Local Strategic Partnerships on Central London Forward (CLF).
2. CLF was established in 2007 to provide a new cross-sector 'voice for Central London'. It is currently led by six Central London local authorities<sup>1</sup> with the City of London Corporation acting as the contracting body and employer.
3. CLF operates at a strategic level, seeking to influence policy makers on matters of mutual interest to the communities and businesses of Central London. It does this by engaging with all those who have an interest in Central London and by using research evidence to lobby and promote the case for Central London. CLF's full terms of reference are appended to this paper.
4. The CLF Board meets three times per year and is currently made up of the Leaders of the six local authorities. For 2008, Michael Snyder (City of London) is Chairman and James Kempton (Islington) is Vice Chairman.

### CLF and the Local Strategic Partnerships

5. At its first meeting in November 2007, the CLF board noted that CLF is uniquely placed to draw upon and feed into the Central London LSPs. The Board saw this as a major strength and an important way for CLF to provide cross sector support and views on Central London issues.
6. The CLF Board agreed that LSP engagement should take three forms:
  - i. The CLF Board*
    5. The Leaders of the six local authorities who sit on the CLF Board also chair their respective LSPs. The LSPs will therefore have direct access to the CLF Board, and vice versa.
  - ii. The Sustainable Community Strategies*
    6. Sustainable Community Strategies set out the priority issues and actions for each LSP. CLF will use the Sustainable Community Strategies to identify common issues that could be taken up by CLF to the mutual

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<sup>1</sup> City of London, City of Westminster, Camden, Kensington & Chelsea, Islington and Southwark.

advantage of the six LSPs. This has already been done in identifying the priority issues for CLF's early work and will continue to be monitored.

7. CLF will also feed into the Sustainable Community Strategies as and when they are reviewed.

### *iii Network of LSP Officers*

8. There are LSP officers in each of the local authorities. Some informal networking between the Central London LSP officers already takes place and this will be put on a more formal basis so that there is on-going liaison on issues of common concern.

## **CLF Work programme 2007/08**

7. The CLF Board has agreed eight priority issues for the 2007/08 work programme:
  - i. Migration and population churn
  - ii. Central Activities Zone planning
  - iii. Infrastructure capacity and planning
  - iv. Small business support
  - v. Visitor promotion and management, including harnessing benefits of the Olympics.
  - vi. Consistency of planning policies and extent of planning restrictions
  - vii. Quality of public realm and pedestrian environment
  - viii. Traffic management/congestion
8. Work has started on item (i), including the publication of research commissioned from the London School of Economics on *The impact of churn and migration on population estimates for Central London (Dec 2007)*.
9. CLF will also campaign on other issues of mutual concern as and when they arise.

## **Future Development of CLF**

10. An important influence on the development of CLF will be the Mayor of London's approach to engaging with Central London.
11. The Mayor has created a new sub-regional structure for London which does not include a sub-region for Central London. He has, however, identified a Central Activities Zone and is currently (Jan 2008) considering options for drawing up a planning framework for the area, including how to engage with Central London interests.
12. CLF has emphasised to the Mayor that it should be a key player in representing Central London interests during the development and

implementation of the planning framework and that it is keen to work with the Mayor.

13. The Mayor is expected to make his views known early in 2008.

### **Implications for Local Strategic Partnerships**

14. CLF will provide an important and influential platform for the Local Strategic partnerships in Central London to combine on issues of mutual concern.
15. CLF will engage with the LSPs through their Chairs, involvement in the Sustainable Community Strategies and through on-going liaison between the LSP officers.
16. LSP member organisations will be kept informed of CLF's work through these channels and are encouraged to make their own input on issues where there could be common cause with other Central London interests.

### **Further information**

17. LSP members can find out more about CLF through their LSP officers or by contacting CLF direct: [clf@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:clf@cityoflondon.gov.uk) 0207 332 1926.

### Terms of reference

#### PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

- 1 CLF's **purposes** are:
  - To influence policy on major issues affecting Central London, including making the case for additional resources.
  - To promote the strategic importance and needs of Central London with a focus on sustainable economic development and the improvement of the quality of life of workers, residents and visitors.
  - To identify and co-operate on areas of mutual interest to partners, including tourism, the Olympics and its legacy
- 2 CLF will pursue these purposes through the following **activities**:
  - Engaging with and lobbying policy makers, including the Government and the Mayor
  - Initiating and encouraging research on Central London issues
  - Collating statistical and factual information on Central London as an entity
  - Promoting and broadcasting the case for Central London
  - Developing and co-ordinating shared programmes and funding bids for work that would further its purposes, including engagement with London's sub-regional partnerships.

#### SPATIAL AND FUNCTIONAL FOCUS

- 3 CLF is focussed on Central Activities, which are primarily but not exclusively concentrated in the Central Activities Zone, along with any related linkages to the wider area encompassed by the member local authorities' administrative boundaries. This gives CLF flexibility to take up causes of importance to Central London without being unduly constrained by spatial definitions.
- 4 CLF membership is based on those local authorities that have all or part of their area in the Central Activities Zone. Other local authorities who have Central Activity characteristics can participate in CLF as observers or contributors to specific projects.

#### ENGAGEMENT

- 5 CLF is a local authority-led group which draws upon existing partnerships and stakeholders to provide cross sector support and views on Central London issues. CLF engages with business and other sectors through the Central London Local Strategic Partnerships and through advisory boards.
- 6 CLF will engage with other bodies that have an interest in and influence over Central London issues including the Government, the GLA family,

sub-regional partnerships, the London Employment & Skills Board and the London Housing Board.

- 7 CLF is an independent body financed by the local authorities. However, it will consider funding opportunities from the GLA family and others where there are shared objectives based on their merits.

## **CLF CONSTITUTION**

- 8 CLF is an unincorporated association bound by a Joint Venture Agreement. The City of London Corporation acts as the accountable body. The local authorities are joint signatories to the JVA which covers:

### ***Structure***

- A **Board** comprising the local authority Leaders, to meet approximately three times per year. Only Deputy Leaders can act as substitutes for the Leaders. Business and other representatives to attend as appropriate.
- A Chairman and Vice-Chairman who are elected by the Board
- The Chairman will have a one year term of office with an expectation that they will normally be succeeded by the Vice-Chairman
- Matters will be agreed where possible through consensus
- **Officer Group** to meet as required under the chairmanship of the Director;
- A **Contracting Body** (City of London) – responsibilities to include functions of an employer in relation to the staff (Director and Policy Officer) and host for the first three years.
- A mechanism for urgent action between meetings.

### ***Funding***

- For each partner, £30,000 per year, payable from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 and with a 3 year commitment

### ***Allocation of risk***

- Where partner in default of its obligations it will indemnify other partners against losses, costs, liabilities etc arising from breach

### ***Termination***

- One year notice period for termination; Board consent

### ***Dissolution***

- Sharing of liabilities amongst partners in proportion to contributions to date; Distribution of assets amongst partners in proportion to total contributions once liabilities have been discharged.

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