

Meeting of the Capital Ambition Board

Wednesday 18 February 2015

Conference Suite, London Councils offices, Southwark Street, 10am

Members

Cllr Stephen Alambritis
Cllr Nicholas Paget-Brown
Cllr Jas Athwall

Borough

LB Merton (Charing)
RB Kensington and Chelsea
LB Redbridge

London Councils

Nick Lester
Frank Smith
Lisa Henry

Corporate Director, Services
Director of Corporate Resources
Capital Ambition Programme Manager

Advisers

Rob Leak
Martin Smith

Chief Executive, LB Enfield
Chief Executive, LB Ealing

Board Secretariat

Ana Gradiska

Principal Governance and Projects Officer

Ernst & Young (EY)

Darra Singh

Associate Partner, Government & Public
Services

Victoria Evans
Rupert Dewey

Manager, Government & Public Services
Civil Service Seconded

1. Declarations of interest

- 1.1. There were no declarations of interest. EY introduced Jack McKnight, a graduate who was currently work shadowing Darra Singh at EY. Mr McKnight had signed a non-disclosure agreement, so it was agreed that he could remain in attendance for the exempt part of the meeting.

2. Apologies

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Edward Lord (Chair – City of London) Cllr David Simmonds (LB Hillingdon), and Jane West (Hammersmith and Fulham).

3. Minutes of the non-exempt part of the meeting held on 3 December 2014

- 3.1 The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the non-exempt part of the meeting held on 3 December 2014.

4. Director's Report

- 4.1 Nick Lester, London Councils' Corporate Director, Services introduced the report which showed the financial position of the programme as of 31 January 2015 as £3.30m. All current projects have a GREEN status except for London Ventures initiative which has AMBER status.

5. Change request: CA507 – West London Alliance property and asset management programme.

- 5.1 The project manager for project CA507 had submitted a change request form to extend the period within which grant monies can be drawn down from 31 March 2015 to 31 March 2016. The extension was agreed.

The order of the agenda was then varied as follows:

7. Meeting Dates for 2015/16

- 7.1 The proposed meeting dates were agreed.

8. Any Other Business

- 8.1 The Chair relayed a request from Cllr Simmonds raised at the Leaders' Committee meeting 10 February: that Capital Ambition considers using Capital Ambition funds to support health and social care integration. Members agreed the proposal. London Councils officers were asked to draft a report for consideration at the 25 June CA Board meeting.

6. London Ventures Progress Report

- 6.1 EY introduced the report which updated the CA Board on the progress of the ventures that are in delivery, noted the progress of the investment cases, and presented some early indicators of their impact. A good level of senior stakeholder engagement is taking place.
- 6.2 EY officers reported that the investment case pilots have all started and that engagement with boroughs at a strategic level has gained significant momentum. As these pilots progress the team will look at options for understanding and sharing the learning. They added that:
- LB Croydon has completed the Blue Prism opportunity assessment and was currently implementing the robotic software within their organisation.
 - In terms of Xantura, the pilots at LB Hackney and LB Tower Hamlets are both in the initial stage of engagement and progressing well.
 - EY recently hosted a successful event focusing on the Spacehive Venture to help Boroughs understand the potential of the crowdfunding platform for micro-regeneration. Approximately fifty organisations were present at the event and there was significant interest and enthusiasm for the Venture. Spacehive received several follow-up requests.

Additionally, the Care Broker and Fraud Prevention Hub Ventures had progressed over the past few months – reports will be brought to CA Board in due course.

- 6.3 EY informed Members that the London Ventures programme has been shortlisted for a Management Consultancy Association Award for innovation. The results will be known on 23 April 2015.

6.4 EY said that the financial summary showed that a level of income was expected from the implementation of the three different London Ventures, however, it was anticipated that the desired self-sustaining model may not be achieved as early as anticipated.

6.5 Members:

- Noted the progress of the ventures.
- Noted the progress of the investment case pilots.
- Noted the programme of financial projections.

Members resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the exempt part of the meeting.