



West London Economic Prosperity Board

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Title	New London Plan – draft consultation response
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Urgent	No
Enclosures	APPENDIX 1: Draft response to the London Plan consultation
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Summary

In December 2017 leaders requested that a joint response to the Greater London Authority's consultation on the draft London Plan be developed. Chief planning officers have subsequently undertaken work on such a response that focuses on those areas where boroughs have shared interests and a joint position. This response sits alongside and fully supports the joint response the Committee submitted in October 2017 to the Mayor's Transport Strategy. It is also in addition to any individual borough-level response that WLA boroughs wish to submit.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- 1) **APPROVE** subject to the incorporation of comments, the draft consultation response contained within appendix 1 of this report, which has been developed by chief planning officers and growth directors.
- 2) **IDENTIFY** any points not already contained within appendix one for inclusion within the final response.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Board has requested that a joint West London response to the Mayor's London Plan be prepared. This report therefore provides leaders with an opportunity to comment on this draft response (Appendix 1) ahead of it being finalised and submitted before the consultation deadline on 2 March 2017.

- 1.2 Following discussion and comment by the Board the draft response, which contains eight “key asks” will be further refined before being submitted by West London growth directors as the final response on behalf of the Prosperity Board.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The wide range of planning issues the London Plan covers, including housing, transport and jobs amongst others are a high priority for people and businesses in West London. This London Plan consultation provides a valuable opportunity to work together and to influence the London-wide approach (and associated resources and powers) to these areas, and to enable officers across the sub-region to improve their coordination in order to drive efficiencies and to provide a better service for local people and businesses.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

It would be possible to not submit a response however this would likely result in shared priorities having less coverage in the final London Plan with reduced resources and influence flowing to West London boroughs as a result.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

Following discussion by the Board comments will be incorporated into the draft response, which will then be reviewed by West London Growth Directors and submitted ahead of the deadline.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

This report relates directly to the delivery of the West London Vision for Growth, which has been agreed by the members of the West London Alliance. Specifically, it focuses on delivering the emphasis in the Vision for Growth on developing housing and improving transport infrastructure and connectivity, as well as on improving the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the planning system.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

None directly associated with this report. However, some areas of activity referred to in the response e.g. in relation to the creation of new housing or the West London Orbital Line will have resource implications that will be addressed on a case-by-case basis in the future e.g. by securing external funding from London and central government.

5.3 Social Value

This consultation response is intended to improve the experiences of people and businesses from all backgrounds across West London including by making it easier for them to get around easily and with the minimum toll on their pocket.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 This work falls within the following sections of the WLEPB's Functions and Procedure Rules:

- Representing the participating local authorities in discussions and negotiations with regional bodies, national bodies and central government on matters relating to economic prosperity for the benefit of the local government areas of the participating authorities.
- Representing the participating authorities in connection with the Greater London Authority, London Councils and the London Enterprise Panel, for the benefit of the local government areas of the participating authorities, in matters relating to the economic prosperity agenda.
- Representing the participating local authorities in discussions and negotiations in relation to pan-London matters relating to economic prosperity.

5.4.2 The Joint Committee's role and purpose on behalf of the Participating Boroughs relates to ensuring appropriate, effective and formal governance is in place for the purposes of delivering the West London Vision for Growth and advancing Participating Boroughs' aspirations for greater economic prosperity in West London, including promoting "the Economic Prosperity Agenda", in partnership with employers, representatives from regional and central government, and education and skills providers.

5.4.3 The purpose of the Joint Committee will be collaboration and mutual cooperation and the fact that some functions will be discharged jointly by way of the Joint Committee does not prohibit any of the Participating Boroughs from promoting economic wellbeing in their own areas independently from the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee is not a self-standing legal entity but is part of its constituent authorities. Any legal commitment entered into pursuant of a decision of the Joint Committee must be made by all of the Participating Boroughs.

5.5 **Risk Management**

There is a risk that by not engaging with the full range of levers that have an impact on the overall economic success of an area, including this London Plan consultation response, that the sub-region will not achieve the level of economic outcomes in terms of jobs, investment, or housing that might otherwise be the case over the medium and long term.

5.6 **Equalities and Diversity**

This consultation response supports the delivery of the wider West London Vision for Growth, recognising the need to ensure that people from all backgrounds and income levels are able to benefit from growth and able to get around London easily.

5.7 **Consultation and Engagement**

West London chief executives, chief planning officers and growth directors have all guided and informed the content of the draft response in Appendix 1. Following discussion by the Prosperity Board it will be further reviewed by growth directors before being submitted.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None