

London and Wider South East Strategic Planning Network

Not of sub-group meeting 10th June 2021

Present: Duncan Bowie, Andrew Jones, Vincent Goodstadt, Catriona Riddell, Andrew Barry-Purcell.
Apologies: Chris Tunnell, Ian Wray.

1. Revised draft paper.

Agreed to submit to network meeting on 6th July subject to redrafting of para 49a (by Vincent Goodstadt) and formatting (by Andrew Jones).

2. Promotion

The timing of publication in relation to forthcoming Planning Bill, Recovery White paper and the spending review was discussed. A statement on government responses to consultation on Planning White Paper was expected before the summer recess. Noted Select committee response to consultation just published did not focus on strategic planning issues. This demonstrated the importance of presenting our proposals in a timely and appropriate manner.

Agreed summary briefing paper on outcome benefits and process benefits to be drafted by Catriona Riddell and Andrew Barry-Purcell for circulation to sub-group and submission to network meeting. Agreed Andrew Jones also draft a briefing paper on what a strategic plan would look like.

Additional briefing papers to be drafted as follows:

1. The costs of not introducing strategic planning, focusing on transport and infrastructure (Tim Marshall)
2. Economic recovery and social justice (Andrew Barry-Purcell and Vincent Goodstadt)
3. Risks of under-provision of housing (Duncan Bowie)

These would initially be single page briefings to be submitted to network meeting on 6th July. Drafts to be sent to Vincent Goodstadt to co-ordinate format.

There was also a discussion of key contacts within government. Briefings would be offered to key govt officials and to appropriate government and opposition politicians.

3. Round Tables.

Agreed to organise three small round tables on the above 3 themes in early September. Each round table should also consider links to levelling up and climate change (COP agenda), given these were key strands of government policy development. Briefing papers for seminars would be expanded versions of papers drafted under 2) above and would focus on benefits of our approach to different agencies and include questions to stimulate discussion. Seminars would be co-ordinated by Vincent Goodstadt and Turner and Townshend (who assisted UK 2070 Commission). Sub-groups members to suggest attendees for each seminar to Vincent. Names would also be requested at the Network meeting. Agreed that it was important to include officers from a range of government departments and agencies as well as key local government representatives.

4. Agenda for network meeting on 6th July.

This would include

- 1) Paper for network endorsement, summary paper and three briefing papers and outline of proposed promotion and round tables.
- 2) Presentation on Arc by Penelope Tollitt
- 3) Presentation on Thames Estuary (David Godfrey to be invited by Catriona)
- 4) Presentation of AECOM London Region report by Andrew Jones

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