MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC HOST BOROUGHS

FRIDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2010

Councillors Present:	Mayor Robin Wales in the Chair
	Mayor Jules Pipe, Councillor Paul Brickell, Councillor Chris Robbins, Councillor John Fahy, Councillor Denise Jones, Councillor Guy Nicholson and Councillor Chris Roberts
Apologies:	Apologies for absence were received from Mary Ney (London Borough of Greenwich) and Roger Taylor (Host Borough Unit)
Officers in Attendance:	Kim Bromley-Derry (LB Newham), Frances Dolan (LB Greenwich), Martin Esom (LB Waltham Forest), Charlie Forman (LB Hackney), Roxanne Misir (LB Hackney), Tim Shields (LB Hackney), Nick Smales (LB Tower Hamlets), Graham White (LB Hackney).
Also in Attendance:	Cllr Conor McAuley, Cllr Liam Smith (LB Barking and Dagenham) and David Woods, (LB Barking and Dagenham).

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence are listed above.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2010 were approved.

4 Joint Committee Procedure Rules

The Joint Committee approved the procedure rules for the Joint Committee attached at Appendix 1 of the report, and these procedure rules would take effect forthwith.

5 Strategic Direction of the Five Borough Olympic Programme and the Olympic Joint Borough Central Unit

The Joint Committee approved the recommendations of the review of the Host Borough Unit as set out below, and delegated authority to the Chief Executives of the Host Boroughs to implement those recommendations.

RESOLVED:

Convergence and the Strategic Regeneration Framework

i) The Host Borough Unit is to be streamlined and re-skilled to focus on facilitating lobbying on Convergence and facilitating the co-ordination of Host Borough led work on prioritised Strategic Regeneration Framework activity.

Multi Area Agreement - Tackling Worklessness and Incapacity Benefit – a Total Place approach

ii) The Host Borough Unit is to focus on a clear programme and timetable for delivery of a Total Place project for tackling worklessness and reducing uptake of Incapacity benefit to be run by the Boroughs reporting to the Joint Committee sub-Committee.

Multi Area Agreement - Public realm

iii) The Host Borough Chief Executives will develop an urgent engagement plan for securing Public Realm investment. The London Borough of Waltham Forest will act as Lead Borough for this activity.

Non-Legacy Issues

iv) City Operations and Games Time activities is to be removed from the Host Borough Unit's remit and placed with the Boroughs, reporting via a de minimis centralising arrangement, directly to the Chief Executives' Board. The London Borough of Newham will act as Lead Borough.

v) The CREATE cultural programme is to be removed from the Host Borough Unit's remit and placed within the London Borough of Hackney as Lead Borough with a view to proceeding discussions about establishing it as an arms length entity.

vi) The JLARS unit is to be removed from the Host Borough Unit's remit and placed in the London Borough of Newham as Lead Borough reporting to the JLARS Board.

Implications for the Host Borough Unit

vii) The Joint Committee and Chief Executives' Board provide the appropriate governance structures, but the administration of those bodies will sit outside the Host Borough Unit's remit with the Clerk to the Committee in the London Borough of Hackney. Meetings will be streamlined with agreed standing items.

viii) Chief Executives will take personal responsibility for driving joint working themes and key relationships seeking advice from Borough Leaders and Mayors as appropriate.

ix) Substantive engagement between the Unit, Boroughs and our partners should be pushed down through those organisations to encourage dialogue at multiple levels.

x) Operational delivery of the employment and skills agenda to be removed from the Host Borough Unit's remit and placed with the London Borough of Greenwich as Lead Borough reporting to the Joint Committee sub-Committee.

xi) The Unit's staffing structure and budgets be cut and restructured to reflect the above new arrangements.

xii) The Chief Executives of the accountable body (Hackney) and the Lead Boroughs designated in recommendations iii) (Waltham Forest), iv) (Newham) and vi) (Newham) above be authorised to determine appropriate financial management arrangements for the various existing grants relating to those functions.

Duration of the meeting: 9.45 - 9.50 am

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Chair of Committee