

**Memorandum of Understanding between the Greater London Authority (GLA), London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) and Growth Boroughs**

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18th October 2022**

**Parties**

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding ('MOU') are

- (1) Greater London Authority
- (2) London Legacy Development Corporation ('LLDC')
- (3) LB Tower Hamlets, LB Waltham Forest, LB Hackney and LB Newham collectively referred to as 'Growth Boroughs'.

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to outline the shared commitment between the GLA, LLDC and growth boroughs as partners, in continuing to drive transformational change across east London, building on the opportunities presented by the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to deliver inclusive growth for local residents, and build strong and resilient communities.
- 1.2 While significant growth has been secured as part of the Olympic legacy, persistent challenges remain in connecting residents to the benefits of this growth. These challenges are likely to be compounded by the long-lasting impact of the pandemic on the local economy and the lives of local residents, in particular the most vulnerable. As partners we must now pivot to redress entrenched issues of inequality within the current context, identifying opportunities to re-build economic prosperity and accelerate our efforts to connect local communities to the opportunities which arise from growth.
- 1.3 Consequently, as we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the LLDC and the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games it is fundamental that partners work to deliver a robust transition at pace, which delivers shared economic prosperity. This MoU, and the continued collaboration of partners remains fundamental to ensuring the opportunities presented through growth are maximised particularly in light of reversing the impact of the pandemic with demonstrable benefits shared across east London.
- 1.4 This MoU is forward looking, outlining how this shared commitment and joint working will continue to be the cornerstone for securing sustainable and inclusive growth for local people and communities throughout and after the LLDC's transition. It is intended to reflect the shared commitment to strengthening and securing the role of the Growth Boroughs in the future of LLDC and the QEOP, consistent with the Mayor of London's direct decision-making role on transition and longer-term responsibilities in relation to the strategy, assets and finances of LLDC.
- 1.5 During the transition period, this agreement seeks to underpin the strategic partnership between signatories, setting out how partners will work together to ensure that the benefits of sustainable growth across the LLDC boundary are delivered and shared. In anticipation of this transition, boroughs have refreshed the Growth Borough Partnership to speak with a collective voice with co-signatories of this agreement and have established a supporting governance structure to further engage in and shape a smooth transition of LLDC delivery functions.
- 1.6 Post transition, it is the intention for this MoU to continue, being refreshed to reflect revised strategic partnership arrangements between the GLA, growth boroughs and residual bodies charged with delivering regeneration functions transitioned over from the LLDC.

## **2. Core Areas for Collaboration**

- 2.1 All parties recognise their strategic role in delivering sustainable growth and improving outcomes for residents through place-making, place leadership, management of the QEOP estate and inclusion. Throughout the period of transition the key areas for collaboration (although not limited to) include:
- 2.2 Planning - For signatories to work in collaboration ensuring that development management powers are transitioned to the Growth Boroughs by the end of 2024 at the latest, and with the last LLDC Local Plan having been adopted, with plan-making powers winding down, put in place a range of steps that enhance the boroughs' role in town planning within the LLDC area.
- 2.3 Development - For signatories to work in collaboration to ensure transition arrangements are in place for all development platforms, including those not built out at the point of the transition of planning powers. For sites not built out at the point of transition, signatories will work together to ensure masterplans and delivery arrangements are in place and delivered in line with relevant planning policy.
- 2.4 Next phase of LLDC - For signatories to work in collaboration to agree and implement transition arrangements for the management of the QEOP which maintain a cohesive sense of place and deliver long-term, financially sustainable, social and economic benefits for east Londoners.
- 2.5 Organisation Strategy and Change - For signatories to work in collaboration to agree on key aspects of organisational strategy to deliver transition (e.g. QEOP vision, 5 year strategy and subsequent delivery plans) with internal aspects of enabling activity which facilitate its progression (e.g. workforce, assets, IT, communications) being communicated through the LLDC Board.

## **3. Principles of Collaboration**

- 3.1 To work transparently with partners, prioritising the agreed principles of transition, including democratic accountability ensure transition reflects the mandates of local representatives.
- 3.2 To enable and enhance genuine community involvement in the approach and implementation of transition.
- 3.3 To collaborate and cooperate in achieving the transition of planning functions by the end of 2024 at the latest, with best endeavours for the robust transition of other delivery workstreams as soon as is practicable.
- 3.4 To maintain an open approach to communicating about progress, concerns, issues or opportunities relating to transition and the delivery of the QEOP vision.
- 3.5 To work collaboratively to identify timely and sustainable solutions in addressing concerns, issues or opportunities relating to transition and the delivery of the QEOP vision.
- 3.6 To manage and openly account to each other for performance in the delivery of milestones, outputs and outcomes relating to transition and the delivery of the QEOP vision.
- 3.7 To communicate and act in a timely manner, recognising where activity is time critical and responding accordingly to requests for support.

3.8 To act in good faith to support the achievement of the key objectives relating to transition and the delivery of the QEOP vision.

3.9 To adhere to statutory requirements and best practice.

#### **4. Status**

4.1 This MOU is not intended to be legally binding and no legal obligations or legal rights shall arise between the parties from this MOU. The Parties enter into the MOU intending to honour all their obligations.

4.2 Nothing in this MOU is intended to, or shall be deemed to, supersede any existing partnership or joint venture between the Parties, nor authorise either of the Parties to make or enter into any commitments for or on behalf of the other party.

4.3 This MOU can be modified at the request of parties concerned, following written agreement between all parties.

4.4 Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be resolved amicably and expeditiously by consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

#### **5. Term and termination**

5.1 This MOU shall commence on 18th October 2022 and will expire on 31st December 2025. It shall be reviewed by the Parties three months prior to its expiry as to either its termination or extension thereafter.

5.2 Upon having made best endeavours to reach agreement on a dispute, either party may terminate this MOU by giving at least six months' notice in writing to the other party.

5.3 Any breach of the MOU may lead to either party terminating the agreement immediately with one weeks' notice and for the avoidance of doubt, without any liability falling on either party.

## 6. Signatures

Signed:	Signed:
Date: 18th October 2022	Date:18th October 2022
Name: Mayor of London	Name: London Legacy Development Corporation

Signed:	Signed:
Date:18th October 2022	Date:18th October 2022
Name: London Borough of Newham	Name: London Borough of Hackney

Signed:	Signed:
Date:18th October 2022	Date:18th October 2022
Name: London Borough of Waltham Forest	Name: London Borough of Tower Hamlets