

READ-OUT FROM OSC TDD WORKING GROUP – MONDAY 22ND AUGUST 2022

OSC COMMENT	IN-MEETING RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY
TRANSPORT		
Concerns over bus reliability, pricing and travel-time (vs car).	Sandbox will provide opportunities to test innovations to improve services through demand responsive systems.	<i>Important to note, that TDD is about bringing additional controls to the region, rather than delivering locale specific projects (eg BSOG would bring greater control of bus subsidies for targeting issues that affect citizens).</i>
Relationships with non-Con areas.	Opportunities to partner with non-Con areas – the more strategic we can be on these issues, the better.	
Inter-modal (and learning from abroad – eg Copenhagen).	Potential expansion of SWIFT. Enhanced technology solutions to help manage connections & passenger experience.	<i>Ed shared Copenhagen assessment – opportunity to share with other members perhaps? Also note tie in with WM Smart City Region – new Apps could improve passenger experience and inter-modal connections.</i>
Concerns over provision & safety of public transport – eg ‘out of hours’ to support care workers.	Sandbox will provide opportunities to test innovations to improve services through demand responsive systems.	<i>As per item 1 above: TDD can’t identify the actual projects to be delivered, but brings in the mechanisms to enable delivery.</i>
Behaviour change & influence: over reliance on ‘stick’ rather than ‘carrot’ to move people from car.	Again, relies on improving system fundamentally. Trials through Sandbox could provide attractive alternatives.	
HOUSING & REGENERATION		
Concern over ‘unbridled’ permitted development.	No attempt to subvert LA planning powers – but rather to integrate LA ambitions strategically with other opportunities.	
Important to support Net Zero targets at point of build.	Measures can be ensured through collaboration with LAs.	
Definitions of ‘affordable’ and opportunity for asset building through home ownership.	Aim of proposition is to broaden ‘affordable homes products’ which could also include ownership mechanisms.	<i>RL undertook to review CA website definition of ‘affordable’.</i>
WM SMART CITY REGION		
Opportunities to support GP engagement – but caution re over-reliance on digital.	Technology merely an aid to mainstream NHS services – not a replacement or perceived as a panacea.	
Concerns over obtrusive infrastructure and delays in 5G roll-out.	WM5G working closely with LAs over planning for infrastructure, and working with partners to accelerate roll-out.	<i>RF will also pick-up connectivity in Digital Infrastructure strand at OSC Working Group on Thurs 25/8.</i>

Query over energy challenges of running system; and energy cost gains through digital twin.	WM5G encourage collaboration to increase energy efficiency. Est 10% savings.	ACTION: RF to confirm by sharing Energy Report.
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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Really helpful meeting and valuable insights into the challenges that many of our communities are facing. It was also helpful in shining a light on the issues that we can address if we do attract enhanced powers to the region.

It's worth emphasising that the TDD opportunity focuses on the strategic powers, funding controls, or funding, that we would want to bring into the region to enable more effective delivery of priorities which are hard to address through a centralised funding/power approach – rather than specific interventions or initiatives. The projects or areas that those additional powers/funding could then enable would then follow the usual processes, with engagement and consultation, to ensure we're tackling the most important issues.