

READ-OUT FROM OSC TDD WORKING GROUP 5 – MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

OSC COMMENT	IN-MEETING RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY <i>(italics – comment only)</i>
<b>LOCAL BENEFITS</b>		
Clarification on the extent of priorities identified for each LA [eg Dudley].	Summary had been developed from existing strategies from each LA and close engagement, including with CEOs. Further liaison underway to finalise.	Further discussions are planned with senior officers and Leaders – Members could also feedback any concerns within their LAs.
Greater clarity over ‘double devolution’ areas.	These are indicative from engagement sessions between workstream leads and LA officers.	TDD team is exploring how the proposals can be more explicit around the appropriate delivery levels.
Its people are the greatest strengths of the region and the local authority areas and the interdependency of each strand needs to respect that.	The TDD proposals are seeking that more holistic approach that addresses the needs of (and opportunities for) people in their respective places: eg a guiding principle behind Levelling Up Investment Zones.	<b>ACTION [IS]: Local Benefits report to be reviewed to ensure the benefits to ‘people’ is appropriately reflected.</b>
Clarity required around the focus and strategic inter-relationships around issues – eg. E.Birmingham transport network, HS2-driven growth and travel to work challenges.	Acknowledged: TDD focuses on the strategic levers and controls that can be better deployed at the regional level, thus enabling genuinely strategic decisions within and between communities, that both generates opportunities and enhances accesses to those opportunities.	
Travel to work concerns should address ‘time’ component and complexity of multi-modal travel, as well as merely accessibility and affordability.	Certainly an important principle: elements of TDD will help support this (but not a panacea) – eg enhanced information & apps to optimise route choices through WM Smart City Region.	
Strategic issues such as Transport and focus on major site growth needs to take into account issues for wider areas, such as the night-time economies across the region.	TDD process is highlighting the interdependency of many of these issues. <b>ACTION [SB]: To raise with Culture and Transport workstream leads to ensure night-time economies are considered.</b>	
Will asks being put to HMG reflect the LA priorities.	This is a regional approach which has been informed by the priorities of LA areas. Although, bringing greater levers to the region and double devolution should support their delivery, it cannot be expected to fulfil all of each LAs priorities individually.	
Important to understand the wider strategic relationships with Non-Con Authorities: can the paper be shared with Members in Non-Con Authorities.	It must be stressed that this is not a public document – although wider awareness would be helpful in generating support to the TDD proposals, this must be handled extremely sensitively.	

<p>Important to develop the supply chain and skills pathways for retrofit.</p>	<p>CA's 'SMART Hub' and TDD proposals seek to give confidence to market to invest in new product development and training.</p>	
<p>Working Group has previously mentioned lost economic investment to the region: in how many of those were offers made to investors to reconfigure transport systems for their proposed sites?</p>	<p>Usual 'pitches' to investors will involve a range of offers – indications are that the WM has lost owing to incentives from other devolved countries (ref Trade &amp; Investment paper). <b>ACTION [SB]: Confirm if any pitches include transport reconfiguration offers.</b></p>	

**GENERAL OBSERVATIONS**

Through the Working Group discussions, an emerging set of priorities began to emerge, which had been reinforced by the conversations on Local Benefits: Transport; Housing; Climate Change; Skills.