

CITY OF LONDON
CREATIVE CITIES TASK FORCE
NOTES FROM MEETING 08

Meeting held on January 27, 2005 at 4:11 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

PRESENT:

Task Force Members: Controller G. Hume (Chair), Councillors J. Bryant and C. Miller, J. Adams, C. Bryan, J. Glaser, P. Hoffer, C. Kehoe, G. Kerhoulas, J. Nicholson, B. Ohl, M. Sinclair, L. Zajac, J. C. Purser (secretary)

Working Group Members: A. Cohen (Chair), T. Adkin, R. Gloor, A. Halwa, D. Harvey, B. Meehan, V. Stasiuk, L. Wall, J. White

ALSO PRESENT:

R. Panzer, T. Johnson, J.M. Fleming, R. Armistead

Welcoming Remarks Controller Hume welcomed everyone to the meeting. Controller Hume and Councillor Bryant thanked everyone for attending the Public Meeting on Saturday January 22, 2005.

Working Group Report A. Halwa presented to the Creative Cities Task Force the final report of the Creative Cities Working Group (schedule 'A' attached).

A. Cohen described how the Working Group looked at ways to nurture and develop the City's cultural component. He explained that people generally have no understanding of London's vibrant community and that it needs an improved image. A. Cohen spoke about arts and culture being a key part of the core infrastructure of the City. He explained that our arts and culture spending is on par with that of other cities but the issue is how can we be greater than the others.

Planning Presentation - J.M. Fleming The Creative Cities Task Force had requested that the Planning and Development staff prepare a list of potential planning initiatives that could facilitate a creative cities movement in London. J.M. Fleming, Manager Land Use Planning Policy, presented a list of initiatives to foster London's role as a creative city through land use planning (schedule 'B' attached).

Discussion G. Kerhoulas suggested that by strategically declaring buildings as heritage structures this encourages entire blocks to be maintained as heritage buildings. R. panzer indicated that the designation of entire areas is an important way to achieve heritage conservation and preservation.

J. Nicholson raised the question of environmentalism and how to build more into the report. G. Kerhoulas suggested that the City should try to leverage environmentalism with developers and he used solar cells as an example.

Councillor Bryant recommended the City should try to fast track the Thames Valley Parkway and fill in the gaps.

Councillor Miller mentioned the Millennium Plan to develop and promote more green spaces. J. Adams agreed that we should try to reinforce the planting of trees theme.

In-Camera Session	Meeting moved to in-camera session at 5:50 p.m. Broke for dinner at 6:10 p.m. Resumed in-camera session at 6:40 p.m.
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.