



The London Sustainable Development Framework

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LSDC early priorities

Mayor established LSDC in 2002. Early priorities were to:

- Establish London Sustainable Development Framework
- Apply Framework to policy development and appraisal
- Establish Quality of Life indicators



Framework

MAYOR OF LONDON

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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A Sustainable Development Framework for London

Vision for London

London has retained its position as one of the World's great cities over many centuries because of the quantity, quality and diversity of its people, businesses, infrastructure and natural resources. However, the downside of this pre-eminence has been the associated social division, pollution and increasingly wasteful use of resources.

Our vision for the 'World Class' London of the future is a place where all Londoners and visitors feel the greatest possible sense of physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual well-being. Our thinking and decision-making will be long-term, meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This means ensuring that the ways in which we live, work and play will not interfere with nature's inherent ability to sustain life.

We will achieve this by taking responsibility for the regional and global impacts of city life. With our commitment to inclusion and cooperation, we will build upon and celebrate London's diversity, in all its forms. Resources will be used efficiently and fairly and the natural and built environment protected. Our reward will be a prosperous, vibrant and healthy city, one in which we all make the most of opportunities for fulfillment.

All of us have a part to play in achieving this vision. Each step will be supported by clear objectives and targets and will be sustained by learning from success.

- Sustainable Vision for London
- Context for policy development and decision making
- Sustainability appraisals of projects, policies and strategies.
- 14 high level objectives.
- *Integrated thinking*
- *Virtuous cycles*



The Framework...

The Four Rs:

- Taking **responsibility**
- Developing **respect**
- Managing **resources**
- Getting **results**

Achieving environmental, social and economic development simultaneously.



Taking Responsibility

- Responsibility
- Capability
- Creativity
- Ownership

*Long term thinking to address
big themes eg Climate Change,
Demographic Change, Wealth disparity
Technological Change*





Having Respect

Fulfilment

Diversity

Safety

Vibrancy



- *Increasing employment **and** valuing workers*
- *Increasing diversity **and** ensuring equitable health and education outcomes*
- *Linking sense of place and community to safety*
- *Valuing community spirit*



Managing Resources

Environment Resources

- *Sustainable supply chains*
- *Closed loop resource cycles
(seeing waste, water and energy
as a resource)*
- *Environmental valuation
techniques*
- *Life cycle assessment*





Getting Results

- Progress
- Innovation
- Esteem
- Access
 - *Employment and Training Opportunities*
 - *Breaking the cycle of disadvantage*
 - *Valuing all forms of work, including volunteering, caring, and childcare*
 - *Work-life balance*
 - *Healthy lifestyles*



Virtuous cycles – some examples

- **Safety:** taking **responsibility** for making places into communities in which people want to live, generates both a sense of place and community **ownership**, which in turn reduces crime and increases the sense of **safety** in the community
- **Access:** Thinking **creatively** about how to meet the **diverse** needs of communities for a better life balance leads to strategies which **respect** the environment and which maximise the efficiency of the **resources** we use. Bringing work, education, recreation and services closer to where people live, is an **innovative** way of increasing everyone's **access**, leading to greater individual, economic and social **fulfilment**.
- **Progress:** It is important that everyone's **capability** in the economy is valued and maximised, and that we all are **fulfilled** in our work; this is necessary for generating a **vibrant** and **diverse** economy which is critical for achieving sustainable **progress** in our world.



Application

- Appraisal of:
 - Mayor’s draft strategies
 - Ad-hoc policy changes – eg congestion charge
 - Alteration of the London Plan

- Central to the Integrated Impact Assessment methodology



What's worked?

- Promoted sustainable development throughout GLA and functional bodies
- Influenced change in strategy development
- Highlighted tension between integrative and single issue approaches



What hasn't worked?

- Framework requires expert guidance
- Conceptual underpinnings not always being translated into policy approach
- Resistance to taking a synergistic approach to issues often related to data baseline
- Question over 'fit for purpose' re revised national SA guidance, and National SD Strategy



Why it is important to keep

- Need join-up thinking now more than ever
- New models to deal with extreme challenges
 - Climate change (mitigation and adaptation)
 - Resource supply and security (centralised infrastructure models - a thing of the past)
 - Social and economic disparity (Global city phenomena)
 - Civic engagement and sense of place (London as a place where everyone counts)
 - Liveability, wellness, happiness (healthy, affordable housing and access to good food, education, recreational and cultural facilities)