

Update on Approach to Green Recovery

West London Economic Prosperity Board

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Green recovery progress since last Economic Recovery Taskforce meeting – Dec 20

- Focus for green innovation developing, likely to cover retrofitting, last mile decarbonisation and circular economy.
- Appointment of managing agent to deliver £4.7m Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery scheme to retrofit up to 800 homes.
- Activity underway to address actions raised at December Economic Recovery Taskforce meeting:
 - Developing a clear narrative for green recovery and its links across the themes of the Build & Recover plan
 - Emerging thinking on an approach to reskill and develop routes into work in the green economy
 - Considering how best to shape work on green innovation and links to growth sector work
 - Exploring how best to work with NHS partners on linking green recovery to well-being and wider determinants of health.

Green recovery as a cross-cutting recovery theme

- Work underway to develop a clear narrative for and tell a better story about West London's green recovery, drawing on activity across Build & Recover strands and building in a comms angle:
 - **Skills and employment** – encouraging investment in green skills
 - **Growth sectors** – developing and fostering green innovation
 - **Town centres** – promoting town centres as low carbon economic hubs
 - **Aviation communities** – developing green economy/green aviation jobs through Heathrow and supply chain
 - **Entrepreneurs and microbusinesses** – supporting small businesses in the green economy.
 - **Housing and infrastructure** – promoting and enabling retrofitting at scale

Developing clear routes into green economy jobs for those needing to reskill

- Key to work with West London's FE/HE base on this agenda.
- Jointly we can position West London well to benefit from any GLA investment into green skills
- But we should also shape our own 'prospectus' for a West London green skills academy:
 - Establish our broad definition of 'green skills'.
 - Specify our aspirations for a:
 - 'light green' skills programme – directed towards all sectors
 - 'dark green' skills programme – targeted to West London's key green economy sectors
 - Develop our thinking on a programme to help those needing to reskill to transition into green economy jobs

Green innovation: linking our work on green recovery and growth sectors

- Need to identify key areas of focus for green innovation in West London:
 - Retrofitting (*building on Green Homes Grant funding*)?
 - Circular Economy?
 - Last Mile Decarbonisation?
- Explore how to weave into wider thinking on a West London Innovation District.
- Work with Imperial and other partners to engage with private sector.
- Potential to support London Recovery Board 'Green New Deal' mission aim of doubling size of green economy by 2030.

Connecting green recovery to well-being and wider determinants of health

- Potential to collaborate with NHS sub-regionally as it develops its 'Green Plan', building on the 'Delivering a Net Zero NHS' work nationally.
- Opportunities to link up boroughs' Climate Emergency Officers with emerging NHS thinking on a green champions network.
- Need to explore how best to align NHS thinking on a sustainability network with boroughs' work.