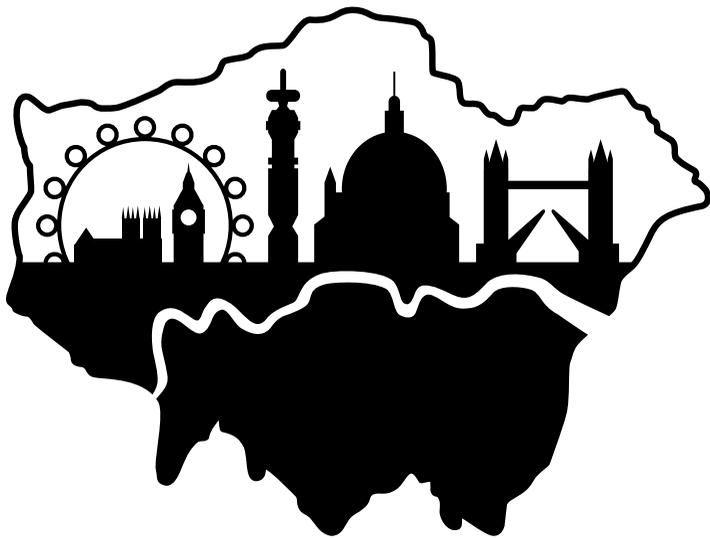


THE LONDON FORUM

of Amenity and Civic Societies

Founded 1988

Charity Registered Number 1093134



23rd ANNUAL REPORT
2010 - 2011

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

Notice was given to members by e-bulletin that the

AGM of the London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies

will be held on

Tuesday October 11th 2011, 6pm for 6.30

at

The Gallery

Alan Baxter and Associates,

77 Cowcross Street, London, near Farringdon Station, EC1

AGENDA

- 1. President's welcome and introduction**
- 2. Minutes of the AGM of September 27th 2010**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Financial Report**
- 5. Approval of Annual Report and Accounts for 2010-11**
- 6. Election of Honorary Independent Examiner**
- 7. Election of Officers and Trustees**
- 8. Any Other Business**

After the AGM there will be drinks and light refreshments

followed by an

Open discussion with members

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Constitution

The London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies is an unincorporated association founded in 1988 and was registered as a charity in 2002. It is governed by a constitution last revised in 2008. The aim of the organisation is the protection and improvement of the quality of life of people living, working in or visiting the area of Greater London. The objects of the London Forum can be summarised as the promotion and encouragement of:

1. High standards of planning, design, infrastructure and transport;
2. Conservation and heritage protection;
3. Improvement to the built environment, open spaces, waterways and amenities;
4. Knowledge of, and interest in, the aims of the London Forum by members, Non-Government Organisations and others;
5. Civic pride and community involvement;
6. Sustainable development.

Activities of the London Forum are summarised on page 24 of this report.

Organisation structure

The London Forum is administered by the Executive Committee of up to 15 trustees, which meets quarterly. The trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting by the voting members of the London Forum, which are amenity and civic societies in the Greater London area. Matters of detail are delegated to the Planning and Transport Committee, which reports to the Executive Committee. All the work of the London Forum is carried out by volunteers.

Review of the year ended 30 June 2011

Government initiatives and new legislation

The year was characterised by initiatives of the Coalition Government designed to cut public expenditure, reduce regulation and hand back power to local people. All of these presented the Civic Society movement, not least in London, with major challenges. Local authorities have been reducing staff, closing libraries and museums and cutting grants to voluntary organisations; many civic societies have

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been endeavouring to mitigate the harm this can do. Outside London, all vestiges of regional government have been removed, and in London, though the Mayor has been given some more powers, the London Development Agency and the Government Office for London have been abolished.

There has been consultation on major changes to the planning system (including the replacement of the 25 Planning Policy statements by a single National Planning Policy Framework), to remove perceived obstacles to growth; the Forum has responded to this consultation and has kept its members informed.

A Localism Bill is proceeding through Parliament; the Government claims this has the potential to achieve a substantial and lasting shift in power away from central government and towards local people. 'Neighbourhood Plans' could indeed provide such a shift, which civic societies could employ.

There are real dangers in the provisions of the Localism Bill and it does not always seem attuned to the differences between London and much of the rest of England. The Forum has been keeping its members informed, and is ensuring that those responsible for the legislation are well aware of the special circumstances in the capital.

This has been a year dominated also by changes in planning policy for London, as the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, implements his own strategies and guidance.

The new London Plan

London Forum was invited by the Inspectors of the Panel examining the Mayor's draft replacement London Plan to participate in most of their sessions over six months to December 2010.

We were able to influence many London Plan policies. However the Mayor rejected some of the Inspectors' recommendations which we had sought: for the integrating of transport provision and proposed development; introducing more methods for tackling road usage, congestion and air pollution; reducing the need to travel; ensuring estate renewal benefits existing residents and that they are involved in the plans; protecting cultural facilities; developing infrastructure for 'walkable communities'; delivering the housing types and quantities required; protecting local shops; achieving steeper trajectories for CO2 emission reductions; avoiding 'studentification' of areas; and ensuring London's waterways will be well protected and utilised.

Despite that, London Forum achieved many changes that we and our members had sought to policies and text in the new London Plan issued subsequently in mid July 2011.

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This is the first version of the London Plan to have proposals for what borough Local Development Frameworks (LDF) should contain to support achievement of its policies and for the basis upon which planning decisions should be made. This should help societies to seek better local planning and development control.

London Forum's concern is that Opportunity Areas in the capital should have masterplans better related to the availability of transport and other services for achieving the housing, jobs and benefits proposed.

London Forum's chairman, Peter Eversden, was invited to join the Implementation Group for the achievement of the London Plan's polices and performance indicators. The first meeting examined the provision of the infrastructure that will be needed in London.

Government's proposals for localism

Just as the replacement London Plan's examination finished, the Government published the Localism Bill and six months of assessment, meetings, debate and negotiations followed. The sweeping changes proposed would be the most significant since the 1970s. The Government is introducing a new lower level of planning at neighbourhood level, initiated by businesses or residents, as it seeks to promote economic development as a priority and avoid NIMBYism. It wants local communities to seek and support development. Fortunately, London will retain a regional plan and its policies should help to prevent unsuitable developments.

The priority in the capital is to have up to date and comprehensive borough plans, compiled with full community engagement, so that changes are plan led and certainty is given to developers. Unfortunately, only half the London boroughs have had their Core Strategy approved after inspection and there is a lot of work to be done. It seems unlikely that there will be a large demand for establishing Neighbourhood Forums and associated Plans in London, except where specific issues not covered in the local LDF have to be addressed or coordination for a neighbourhood is required across borough boundaries.

The Government has complicated the changes towards localism by suggesting controversial ways of achieving homes and jobs. One proposal is a change to the Use Classes Order which would allow commercial buildings and offices to be converted to housing without planning permission. We fear that this would distort land values, deprive small and medium enterprises of low cost workspace and result in no affordable housing nor contributions to infrastructure.

Other government proposals that London Forum is challenging are that financial considerations should be considered as 'material' in decision making on planning

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applications and that Community Infrastructure Levy payments by developers should be used also for affordable housing.

The Government is consulting on a draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which would replace all pieces of national planning policy and guidance. The NPPF will remove a lot of detail in PPGs and PPSs and reduce them all to less than 60 pages in total. Some deficiencies in the draft may be dealt with following responses to Government, otherwise the London Plan may have to be strengthened to specify additional over-arching policies for development in the capital.

The NPPF attempts to define a presumption in favour of sustainable development but the consultation draft was weak on meeting social and environmental objectives. This presumption means a grant of planning permission if a local plan is weak, silent or out of date on any topic. That emphasises the need for comprehensive borough LDFs with appropriate Area Action Plans.

London Forum welcomes the intention in the Localism Bill for pre-application consultation and for reduction in the number of appeals against planning refusal.

The proposals for community right to build housing and for community right to bid for community assets and services are complex and points on these and other parts of the Localism Bill have been raised with DCLG Ministers and officers, MPs and Members of the House of Lords.

Other Issues

Thames Sewer Tunnel

For the past three years, London Forum has been involved in the proposals by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) that Thames Water should install a very expensive and intrusive new sewer tunnel to avoid discharges of untreated sewage into the Thames at times of storms. The less intrusive options that do not seem to have been explored include avoiding the mixing of rainwater with sewage or reducing storm flows into sewers. A group of London boroughs affected by the construction of a new Thames Tunnel have established a Commission to examine its requirements, plans and construction methods and London Forum's evidence has been given to them. Thames Water will be consulting for a second time in September on their proposals for locations and methods of construction sites for the tunnel and for shafts to connect existing sewers to it.

Outer London Commission

London Forum's chairman, Peter Eversden, has been invited by the Mayor to continue to serve on his Outer London Commission (OLC) to look at ways of

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improving the viability of outer London boroughs' town centres and the development of their economy and strategic development centres.

The Commission contributed to defining the Mayor's Outer London Fund for supporting town centres. Communities have been asked to participate in boroughs' bids for the next round of funds.

The OLC members are visiting each outer sub region to discuss provision of housing, regeneration, the support of emerging enterprises and the attraction of new businesses.

Civic Voice

Civic Voice was established following the collapse of the Civic Trust to represent the interests of the civic society movement at national level and has achieved a high degree of recognition by Ministers and Government departments. It has taken some valuable initiatives, such as a national 'Civic Day', but has set its subscription at a level which has deterred many London societies, who feel that the London Forum meets their needs more economically. Tony Burton and Paula Ridley (the Director and Chair of Civic Voice) spoke at an open meeting in March, and a valuable link between the Forum and Civic Voice is provided by Forum Committee member, Helen Marcus, who is a trustee of both bodies.

Events for London Forum's members

Esther Kurland of Urban Design London (UDL) attended London Forum's Planning & Transport Committee and spoke at the open meeting on Localism and Neighbourhood Planning in January 2011. UDL is helping boroughs to address changes in Government policies through workshops and conferences, including the implementation of localism. UDL has offered free places to London Forum's member organisations who have been kept informed of the opportunities UDL are offering.

In addition to the Annual General Meeting on 27th September 2010, which was followed by a lively open discussion, the Forum arranged open meetings on 20th July 2010 on Heritage Protection; on 1st November 2010 (Spending Review, Localism, Devolution and the 'Big Society'); on 13th January 2010 about the Localism Bill; on 2nd February 2011, at which the Forum's President, Sir Richard MacCormac spoke about planning for sustainable suburbs; on 29th March 2011 with Civic Voice; and on 19th May to cover the topics of Freight and Delivery Vehicles in London.

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London Forum representation at meetings and on other bodies

Peter Eversden and Michael Bach, chairman of our Planning & Transport Committee, are members of the London Planning & Development Forum and of the Just Space Group, which seeks better social justice, housing and engagement in planning, of tenants and people in areas of deprivation.

Peter Eversden was invited to join the New London Sounding Board discussion group which meets at the NLA in the Building Centre. At its meeting in June it covered 'Keeping London Competitive', 'Meeting London's Housing Needs', 'Relaxation of Use Class Orders' and 'High Speed 2'.

Michael Bach has had meetings with DCLG officers and is involved in town centre management plans.

Michael Hammerson has represented the Forum at meetings of the London Historic Environment Forum.

Members of the Forum's committees met the Mayor's cultural strategy manager to discuss aspects of the Cultural Strategy and to ensure that he was fully aware of the importance of the historic culture and heritage of London.

Transport

High Speed 2 railway

The Mayor and the GLA Assembly have expressed criticism of the plans for a new high speed rail service into Euston station. London Forum has objected to Euston as its destination due to high tunnelling costs, demolition of housing, overloading of travel routes out of that station and proposed diversion of commuter routes from Euston to Stratford.

If the high speed connections from the Midlands and the North are to be built, the Forum believes that they should interchange with Crossrail in West London, rather than terminate at Euston, to facilitate easier links to Heathrow, to the many interchanges for London destinations and on to HS1 for continental Europe.

If the Government intends to proceed with HS2, they should fund the implementation of Crossrail 2 (the Hackney/Chelsea line) in London to reduce overcrowding on transport services. Funding is needed also to improve rail services into London for commuters and reduce overcrowding.

Other transport issues

The Forum has collaborated with other organisations seeking to improve transport in London, including Travelwatch (which may be taken over by the London Assembly), the Campaign for Better Transport (formerly Transport 2000) and Living Streets.

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Problems introduced by the blue Cycle Superhighways were reported by the Thorney Island Society and taken up with Transport for London and the Assembly's Transport Committee.

The Forum has continued to watch the effects of freight on the environment of London and the interests of Londoners. Freight Quality Partnerships have not been as successful as had been hoped, and some have gone out of existence or become part of sub-regional Transport Strategy Boards.

The Forum has become a Supporter of the Campaign for Clean Air in London, which is particularly concerned that the Mayor's abolition of the Western Extension of the Congestion Charge Zone will increase air pollution further, in contravention of European rules. Other areas of London continue to exceed limits for particulates, largely from road traffic, which can damage health.

Planning and development

The London Forum Planning & Transport Committee has kept abreast of the many consultation documents issued by the Government and by the Greater London Authority during the year, and has commented wherever justified in the interests of the civic and amenity societies in London.

There were no significant cases of Mayoral intervention in planning applications in the year under review, but a case in Lambeth revealed an unfortunate loophole in the present law. Lambeth Council had been directed by the Mayor to refuse an application by Tesco in the absence of a satisfactory Section 106 agreement; such an agreement was entered into and the Mayor withdrew his direction. Later on, Tesco's applied to be released from the agreement, the Mayor had no power to direct refusal of such an application and Lambeth Council have allowed it.

Two subjects that have concerned societies and the London Forum, and on which a lot of time has been spent, were the building of basements and their effect on neighbours, and the introduction of BT Openreach broadband cabinets on pavements throughout London. Some boroughs have been persuaded to take a firm line on the former but for the adverse effect of the new, large BT cabinets they can have an influence only in conservation areas.

Committee Membership

The Executive Committee said goodbye to our long-standing Treasurer Andrew Coleman and to Jim Nicolson, who had been Secretary in the early years of the London Forum. We are pleased that Derek Chandler has taken on the task of

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Secretary, and Tony Allen of the Chislehurst Society that of Treasurer. Roger Chapman of the Finchley Society, Marilyn Larden of the Isleworth Society and Alison Macnair of the Clapham Society were elected as new Trustees at the AGM in October 2010.

The Planning and Transport Committee was strengthened by the addition of Michael Coupe who worked for English Heritage, and John Rowcliffe of the Wimbledon Society. The Forum benefits from the comprehensive organisation of its committee meetings and the production of minutes by Peter Pickering.

The trustees and Vice Presidents have been seeking to strengthen the support and reputation of the organisation and sought two additional Patrons. Alan Baxter, who was awarded a CBE this year, has been a great supporter of the London Forum and provides us with office space and networking opportunities with the many organisations working in 70 Cowcross Street. In addition to his involvement in urban design and masterplanning projects, he is the Consulting Engineer to St Paul's Cathedral and he and his firm are responsible for the engineering of new buildings of architectural significance as well as the sensitive repair and adaptation of a vast range of historic buildings. He has accepted our invitation to be a London Forum Patron. So too has Tony Travers, who is director of the Greater London Group, a research centre at the London School of Economics. He is also a visiting professor in the LSE's Government Department. His key research interests include local and regional government and public service reform. He is currently an adviser to the House of Commons Children, Schools and Families Select Committee and the Communities and Local Government Select Committee.

Members will be asked at the AGM to approve their appointment.

Communications

The London Forum's web site was destroyed by a systems failure at our service provider and will have to be reconstructed, which gives an opportunity to introduce better display and content management.

Two issues of NewsForum appeared during the year, and are now circulated by e-mail as well as in the traditional and more expensive printed way. These newsletters complement this report in their coverage of events, campaigns and issues addressed. Helen Marcus, as editor, has received praise for the articles from many members and organisations to which copies are sent. Items have been reproduced in 'Planning in London', International Building Press Awards Magazine of the Year.

In February 2011 Peter Eversden commenced the publication of news items and links to matters of which its members should be aware on Twitter at

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http://twitter.com/#!/London_Forum.

Three hundred items were posted there in the following six months.

Communication by email to members continues by e-bulletins giving information on events and consultations, plus updates on changes that require more detail than can be conveyed by Twitter.

Membership

We warmly welcome the Forest Hill Society as a new member.

We acknowledge and appreciate the work of member societies which influence local services, planning, policies and decisions and for members' feedback which guides our activities and provides news for 'Round the Societies' pages in Newsforum.

At the 2009 AGM, members approved a proposal to increase membership fees, following the loss of the £2,000 annual grant from the Civic Trust. London Forum's trustees decided to keep its fees the same for a while to allow members time to increase their own fees to realistic levels. Publications of Newsforum were reduced from three a year to two to reduce one of our major costs. However, London Forum needs to increase its activities, cover increased overheads and restore some of its reserve funds which had to be drawn upon some years ago. New subscription rates will be proposed at the AGM.

Appreciation of Alan Baxter and Associates

The London Forum is immensely appreciative of the invaluable support of Alan Baxter and Associates in providing office space and facilities; and for donations that some member societies have made.

Finances for the year to 30 June 2011

Total income for the year was £4,483, little changed from last year's income. Subscription income remains the principal source of revenue for the Forum. This was up 25% on last year as a result of more Societies renewing their membership. Many members again donated generously to the Forum in appreciation of its work. Income from meetings was substantially below the level of the previous year when the special event was held to mark 21 years of the Forum's work, while bank interest remained low with interest rates stuck at their record low levels.

Expenses for the year were £2,114, less than half of last year's level, in the absence of special projects or events and, with two editions of Newsforum, represent the core level of the Forum's running costs.

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The net result for the year was a surplus of £2,369 in comparison with a deficit last year of £1,415.

The balance sheet of the London Forum continues to be very strong with net current assets, almost wholly cash and deposits, amounting to £22,004, up from £19,522 last year.

Risk management

The major risks to which the London Forum is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed during the year and the trustees are satisfied that action is being taken where appropriate to manage those risks.

Statement of the executive committee's responsibilities for financial statements

Charity law requires the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the London Forum and of the income and expenditure for the year then ended. In preparing the financial statements, the Executive Committee is required to select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently, make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the London Forum will continue in business. The Executive Committee has responsibility for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the London Forum and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity regulations. It also has responsibility for safeguarding the assets of the London Forum and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Executive Committee

P. Eversden
Chairman

14th September 2011

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 30 June 2011

	Notes	2011 £	2010 £
Incoming resources			
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>			
Subscription income		3,687	2,993
Donations		492	442
Public meetings and events		57	899
Investment income – deposit interest		247	171
Earned income			150
Total incoming resources		4,483	4,655
Resources expended			
<i>Cost of charitable activities</i>			
Newsletters		1,063	1,972
Public meetings & events		152	990
Support costs		899	3,108
Governance costs		–	–
Total resources expended	2	2,114	6,070
Net in/(outgoing) resources for the year		2,369	(1,415)
General fund at beginning of year		19,747	21,162
General fund at end of year		£22,116	£19,747

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Balance Sheet at 30 June 2011

		2011	2010
		£	£
	Notes		
Fixed assets-tangible assets	4	112	225
Current assets			
Investments – bank deposits		18,400	3,257
Cash at bank and in hand		4,310	16,630
		<hr/> 22,710	<hr/> 19,887
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within 1 year			
Creditors & accruals		<hr/> 706	<hr/> 365
Net current assets		22,004	19,522
Total assets less current liabilities		<hr/> £22,116	<hr/> £19,747
Funds			
General fund	5	<hr/> £22,116	<hr/> £19,747

Approved by the trustees on 14th September 2011
and signed on their behalf by

P. Eversden – Chairman
A.S. Allen – Hon Treasurer

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2011

1. Accounting policies

a. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. They have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards (including the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities published in March 2005) and on a going concern basis. The London Forum is an unincorporated association founded in 1988 and became a charity in July 2002.

b. Income and expenditure

Income for the year is brought into the financial statements when received or when there is certainty of receipt. Income received in advance is carried forward. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

The Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities requires that costs be allocated between direct charitable expenditure, fund raising, and management and administration. For those categories of expenditure where direct attribution is not applicable, apportionment has been applied on the basis of the effort estimated to have been devoted to each activity.

c. Fund accounting

All of the London Forum's funds are unrestricted. The Executive Committee has designated a certain amount of the funds to be used for special projects.

d. Subscription income

Subscriptions are recognised when received.

e. Services provided

The Society benefits from the provision, without charge, of a variety of skills and other services by committee members and friends of the London Forum. The benefit is not reflected in these accounts since it is not regarded as practicable to estimate its value.

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f. Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Fixed assets, which comprise office equipment, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years.

2. Total resources expended

There are no staff costs and the majority of costs comprises direct costs. The Independent Examiner does not charge a fee for his examination of the accounts of the London Forum.

3. Transactions with Members of the Executive Committee

No trustee or person defined by Accounting Standards as "related to them" received any remuneration for services as a trustee or in a management capacity during the year or any reimbursement of expenses other than for expenditure incurred as agent for the London Forum.

4. Fixed assets

	£
<i>Cost of office equipment</i>	
At 1 July 2010	1,200
Additions	-
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At 30 June 2011	1,200
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<i>Depreciation of office equipment</i>	
At 1 July 2010	975
Charge for the year	113
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At 30 June 2011	1,088
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<i>Net book value</i>	
At 30 June 2011	112
At 1 July 2010	225
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5. General fund

The general fund, which is unrestricted, contains an element of funds that has been designated by the Executive Committee for use in special projects:

	Designated £	Undesignated £	Total £
Balance brought forward at 1 July 2010	2,917	16,830	19,747
Net incoming resources for the year		2,369	2,369
Transfers	-	-	-
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Balance carried forward at 30 June 2011	<u>2,917</u>	<u>19,199</u>	<u>22,116</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the reserves are sufficient to finance the existing level of activities. It is hoped to increase the level of activities of the London Forum in future years and a further assessment of the adequacy of reserves will be made when the implications of those proposals can be evaluated.

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Bankers

Lloyds TSB
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CAF Bank

Independent examiner

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London Forum Report of the Independent Examiner

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Executive Committee of The London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies

I report on the accounts of The London Forum for the year ended 30 June 2011, which are set out on pages 14 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit responsibilities of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act") does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 43(2) of the 1993 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S Baddeley FCA

Chiswick

14th August 2011

THE LONDON FORUM COMMITTEES AND PATRONS

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Camden Civic Society
Canonbury Society
Carshalton Society
Charlton Society
Chelsea Society
Chislehurst Society
Chiswick Protection Group
City Heritage Society
Clapham Society
Covent Garden Community Trust
Crystal Palace Community Association
Crystal Palace Foundation
Culverley Green Residents Association
Dulwich Society
Duncan Terrace Residents Association
Ealing Civic Society
Earl's Court Society
East Dulwich Society
Eltham Society
Enfield Society
Finchley Society
Finsbury Park Action Group
Forest Hill Society
Friends of Battersea Park
Friends of Brockwell Park
Friends of Clapham Common
Friends of Great North Wood
Friends of Greenwich Park
Friends of Jubilee Gardens
Friends of Peckham Rye Park
Friends of Richmond Park
Friends of St. George's Gardens
Friends of Waterlow Park
Fulham Society
Gidea Park and District Civic Society
Greenwich Environment Forum
Greenwich Society
Greenwich Waterfront Community
Forum
Hackney Society
Hammersmith & Fulham Historic
Buildings Group
Haringey Federation of Residents
Associations
Hammersmith Community Trust
Hammersmith Society
Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents
Association
Harrow Hill Trust
Heath and Hampstead Society
Herne Hill Society
Highbury Community Association
Highbury Fields Association
Highgate Society
Hyde Park Estate Association
Isleworth Society
Islington Society
John Innes Society (Merton)
Kensington Society
Kew Society
Kingston-upon-Thames Society
Knightsbridge Association
Ladbroke Association
Ladywell Society
Lambethan's Society
Lewisham Environment Trust
London Society

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Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association
Netherhall Neighbourhood Association
Newington Green Action Group
Northolt & Greenford Countryside Park Society
Norwood Society
Old Chiswick Protection Society
Paddington R.A.C.T.
Paddington Waterways and Maida Vale Society
Penge Forum
Pinner Association
Putney Society
Queen's Park Area Residents Association
Richmond Hill Terrace Residents Association
Richmond Society
River Thames Society
Save Environment of Alexandra Park and Palace
Seven Dials Trust
Smithfield Trust
Society for Protection of London Squares
Soho Society
South East Bayswater Residents Association
South End Green Association
Southgate District Civic Trust
St. John's Wood Society
St. Mary Cray Action Group
Stamford Brook Residents Association
Stanmore Society
Strawberry Hill Residents Association
Streatham Society
Suncroft Residents Association
Sutton and Cheam Society
Sydenham Society
Teddington Society
Telegraph Hill Conservation Society
Tewkesbury Lodge Estate Residents Association
Thorney Island Society
Tottenham Civic Society
Tower Hamlets Environment Trust
Vale of Health Society
Vauxhall Society
Victoria Drive Conservation Area Residents Association
Waltham Forest Civic Society
Wandsworth Society
Waterloo Community Development Group
Westbourne Neighbourhd Association
West Green Residents Association
Westcombe Society
Westminster Society
Wimbledon Park Heritage Group
Wimbledon Society
Worcester Park Residents Association
York House Society

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Lea Rivers Trust
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in London
Living Streets
London Cycling Campaign
London Green Belt Council
London Open House
London Parks & Gardens Trust
London Planning & Development Forum
London Research Centre
TravelWatch
London Voluntary Service Council
London Wildlife Trust
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Open Spaces Society
Planning Aid for London
RIBA London Region
Ramblers Association (Inner London)
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Ancient Buildings
South London Link Travellers Association
Sustainable London Trust
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Trees for Cities
Twentieth Century Society
Urban Design Group
Urban and Economic Development
Victorian Society
Wandle Industrial Museum
West London River Group



About the London Forum

The LONDON FORUM helps civic societies, residents' associations and other community groups to work together to protect and improve the quality of life in London.

Since its foundation in 1988, under the auspices of The Civic Trust, it has grown in strength and influence derived from the participation of over 130 local societies with a combined membership of some 100,000 Londoners, plus around 50 Associate Groups and individual subscribers.

The LONDON FORUM

Represents

. . . . its members on London-wide issues, liaising with the Mayor's office and Greater London Authority Assembly members, national and local government, government agencies and bodies influencing planning, the environment, road management, transport and regeneration in London. It is a member of the development team of London Civic Forum that works with the GLA.

Supports

. . . . local community and civic societies, and channels their views and concerns to other relevant London-wide groups.

Responds to

. . . . key consultation papers, draft strategies, reports, and other policy documents, as they arise, regarding London's ever changing issues and concerns.

Publishes

. . . . "Newsforum", a regular newsletter aimed at keeping member societies informed and providing a platform for their views and for mutual support. All major London professional and environmental groups, Borough Chief Executives and Leaders, the Mayor, GLA members and officers, London MPs and MEPs and the media receive copies.

Organises

. . . . meetings, events, seminars, award schemes and exhibitions on topics of importance to those who live and work in London and publicity for the achievements of its member organisations.

The LONDON FORUM's responses

. . . . are based on surveys of member societies' views. These have shown a remarkable consensus on a range of London-wide issues. Our most recent feedback shows that the priorities are

- **strategic planning and control for sustainable development with context sensitivity and sufficient local infrastructure,**
- **development of an integrated London-wide public transport and traffic policy,**
- **efficient, safe and affordable transport, of adequate capacity,**
- **addressing issues related to**
 - traffic, rat-running and pollution
 - parks, open spaces, sports fields and green belt
 - regeneration of local shops and town centres
 - good urban design
 - protecting Conservation Areas
 - retaining and developing local amenities
 - proliferation of licensed premises - the 24 hour society
 - personal safety
 - graffiti, litter and vandalism
 - lack of resources and cuts in borough front-line services
 - entirely different standards of public engagement among London Boroughs

Membership

Full Members are civic and local amenity societies across London.

Associates are businesses and professional organisations London-wide and single interest groups.

Individuals can also join.

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