

Media Release

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Experts from construction, social justice and inclusion and health fields appointed to Commission for a Sustainable London 2012

The first appointments to the Commission for a Sustainable London 2012 were announced today, heralding a major milestone in the establishment of the commission and the sustainability and legacy assurance programme for the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

The Commission for a Sustainable London 2012 was set up this year to independently monitor London's pledge to host the most sustainable and greenest Games to date. It is the first body of its type in Games history.

The Olympic Board has approved the appointment of Val Chinn, Professor Stuart Green, Andrew Shipley and Dr Robin Stott as Core Commissioners. The appointees will be expected to provide quality and credible feedback to the Olympic Board on the sustainability of the Games programme, identify good practice, areas for improvement and assess risks.

Mayor of London Ken Livingstone said:

'We have set ourselves two very challenging aims - to stage not only the greatest Games ever but, as importantly, those Games in 2012 must be the most sustainable in the history of the modern Olympics. This overriding principle has been built into our plans from the word go and I am confident that with Shaun McCarthy's expert leadership and this team he has recruited we will set the sustainability standards that will become the benchmark for the hosting of all future Olympic and Paralympic Games.'

Commission Chair Shaun McCarthy said:

"These commissioners are people who are respected and acknowledged leaders in their fields. Many have been pioneers in driving sustainability in their own areas of expertise. They represent important disciplines such as construction, social justice, social inclusion and health. They people have real depth of experience and a breadth of understanding of the fundamental connections between social, economic and environmental sustainability. I look forward to working with them on this groundbreaking program to assure a sustainable legacy from the Games."

Mr McCarthy said recruitment would continue and commissioners would specifically be sought from the fields of climate change, waste, economics, biodiversity, major events and sporting infrastructure and the host boroughs.

The second round of recruitment is expected to begin within the next two weeks and will be open for six weeks.

Appointments to the commission are for an initial two years and were made following an open and transparent selection process.

Note to editors:

Commissioner biographies

Val Chinn

Val has 25 years professional experience in social and criminal justice and regeneration initiative, and her working life has been focussed on challenging private and public sector investment, to achieve maximum impact and to drive social change. After six years as Chief Executive of The Big Issue in the North and The Big Issue in the North Trust, Val co-founded FSquared Ltd - a business with the central aims of improving the impact of social regeneration projects and achieving high social and commercial outputs. The sustainability consultancy works with private and public sector procurers to make sure projects being delivered have the greatest possible impact on local people and their communities. Val is based in Manchester.

Professor Stuart Green

Stuart Green has nearly 30 years' experience as practitioner, researcher and advisor in the construction sector. He is widely known within industry as an independent thinker and is a longstanding advocate of sustainable practices in construction procurement. He has led numerous national research projects aimed at improving industry practice and is well known internationally for his work on value management in multi-stakeholder environments. His research interests extend across a range of issues relating to people and culture in construction, including corporate social responsibility and sustainable supply chain management. He is Director of the Innovative Construction Research Centre (ICRC) at the University of Reading, funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC).

Andrew Shipley

Andrew has a history of promoting inclusive communities and equality for disabled people through planning and design. He is a former Chair of the UK Institute of Inclusive Design and is a trustee of the Town and Country Planning Association. Andrew has worked for the Disability Rights Commission and served on a number of government advisory groups including the Business and Community Safety Forum and working groups such as the Building Regulations Advisory Committee and is a member of the RICS Inclusive Environments Consultants Register. He has made a contribution to a range of planning laws and publications. Andrew lives in Bucks.

Robin Stott

A former consultant physician and medical teacher, Robin's expertise is in health. He began work on sustainability issues as Medical Director of Lewisham Hospital and led the first ever social, environmental and economic audit of a hospital. He was a founding member of the London Sustainable Development Commission (LSDC) and has been the sustainability advisor to the Mayor of Lewisham for the past five years. He is trustee of two charities, Bioregional and Medact. Robin lives in London.

The Commission for a Sustainable London 2012

The Commission for a Sustainable London 2012 and appointment of Chair Shaun McCarthy was announced on January 23, 2007. The Commission for a Sustainable London 2012 has evolved from work originally undertaken by the Mayor's London Sustainable Development Commission. In 2003, the London Sustainable Development Commission undertook a comprehensive assessment of the 2012 bid using its

Sustainable Development Framework for London. The commission is funded jointly by members of the 'Olympic family' to maximise its independence. Further information is available at www.cslondon.org

The four commissioners have been approved for appointment by the Olympic Board, with the Mayor of London officially appointing the commissioners on behalf of the board. A further recruitment process will begin within the next two weeks and will target people with a range of skills sets and backgrounds to ensure that the commission is best placed to assure the sustainability of the 2012 Games.

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