Greenwich: Our Future Together
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**Lord Bob Kerslake (Chair)**

Lord Kerslake joined the Peabody Board as Chair in June 2015. In addition to this role, he is Chair of London’s King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Chair of the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS), Chair of London CIV in September 2015, and is President-Elect of the Local Government Association.

A former Head of the Civil Service, Lord Kerslake led the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) from November 2010, stepping down in February 2015. Prior to his DCLG role, Lord Kerslake was the first Chief Executive of the Homes and Communities Agency, where he was responsible for promoting new and affordable housing supply; supporting the regeneration of cities, towns and neighbourhoods; improving existing housing stock, and advancing sustainability and good design.

Before joining the Civil Service Lord Kerslake received a knighthood for his services to local government, spending eight years serving the London Borough of Hounslow and then a further 11 years leading Sheffield Council. In early 2015, he was made a life peer, taking the title Baron Kerslake, of Endcliffe in the City of Sheffield.

**Councillor Denise Scott-McDonald**

Councillor Denise Scott-McDonald is the Royal Borough of Greenwich’s Cabinet Member for Culture, Creative industry and Community Wellbeing, having previously been the lead Member for Public Health.

Both roles involve working with a wide range of groups from the voluntary sector, community organisations, charities and businesses to work towards enhancing community engagement, tackling health inequalities and working on the Council’s anti-poverty and inequalities agenda.

She is involved with a number of pan-London, borough-wide and local organisations; these include sitting on the London Councils’ Grants Committee, the Borough’s Health and Wellbeing Board and she has also been a school governor at a local primary school for a number of years.

Denise also lectures in journalism and humanities-related subjects at a London university. Prior to teaching, she worked as a journalist in both London and New York for a number of major news organisations.

While living in New York, she was a UN representative working on a range of humanitarian issues for FemVision and a number of other women’s NGO organisations.
Yvonne Doyle

Yvonne Doyle offers 22 years of experience from senior roles in the NHS and Department of Health, the academic and independent sectors. This includes international representation of the UK at healthcare policy level and presenting her own research and published material internationally, innovation in public health and health care at national and regional level, building and leading public health systems. Her recent international work has been with global cities on behalf of the Mayor of London to bring forward London’s ambition to become the healthiest global city, presenting her work in Europe and North America.

Previously she has presented her research on successful ageing at the EU Czech Presidency and the World Economic Forum in its World Scenario Series (The Future of Pensions and Healthcare in a Rapidly Ageing World – scenarios to 2030) and has acted as an adviser to the WHO on Healthy Cities. She holds visiting professorships from three Universities and has recently been appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath for services to Public Health.

Richard Brooks

Richard Brooks was Senior Policy Adviser to the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families from 2007 to 2009, focusing on schools, further education and skills, qualifications, funding, accountability and local delivery. He was then Director of Strategy at Ofsted from 2009-13. Working to the Chief Inspector, he was responsible for all Ofsted’s data, analysis and major publications across early years, schools, further education and skills, and children’s social care.

Richard was previously Associate Director for Public Services at IPPR and Research Director at the Fabian Society. He led the Secretariat that wrote the report of the Fabian Commission on Child Poverty and Life Chances, and was recently a commissioner on the London Fairness Commission. He has worked and published across a wide range of health, education, public service and welfare issues.

Richard is now an independent strategy and policy advisor, working for public and third sector organisations both nationally and internationally. Current projects include work with governments in India and South Africa on school evaluation and improvement, with the Care Quality Commission in England, and for policy and advocacy NGOs in the UK.

Sam Parrett OBE

Sam Parrett is Principal and Chief Executive of London South East Colleges - which now incorporates the four colleges across Bromley, Bexley, Greenwich and Orpington, and has been Principal of Bromley College of Further and Higher Education since 2010. In 2011 Sam led the merger of Orpington College with Bromley College and has overseen a major transformation to align its curriculum and services to meet the needs of the local community and local economic priorities.
Sam has established Bromley College as an academy sponsor and operates a successful Multi Academy Trust working with special schools and alternative provisions. She is a SEN Ambassador for the DFE and a board member of FBFE. Sam also sits on both HEFCE’s Teaching Excellence and Student Opportunity and its Quality, Accountability and Regulation Strategic Advisory Committees.

Sam has led on the development of a health related University Technical College which opens in 2017 in partnership with Kings Hospital NHS Trust. A chartered fellow of the CIPD, she has a background in HR and Organisational Development.

Sam was awarded an OBE for services to Further Education in the Queens 2016 New Year’s Honours list.

Peter Estlin

Peter Estlin is a Senior Advisor to Barclays plc, having spent his career in banking and finance in London, New York and Hong Kong. Peter is also an Alderman and is Sheriff of the City of London for 2016/17. He holds a number of non-executive directorships and trustee appointments, most notably with HM Treasury Audit Committee and Bridewell Royal Hospital.

He is passionate about greater equality of opportunity for younger people, particularly those from more disadvantaged areas. This is primarily due to his personal experience as a child. He currently works with a number of national charities including Create, London Youth, Onside Youth Zones and Teach First.

Drawing on his professional career he also has a keen interest in the current “housing crisis” and finding affordable long term solutions.

Naomi Goldberg

Naomi Goldberg is Chief Executive of Greenwich Action for Voluntary Services, the infrastructure organisation for the voluntary and community sector in the Royal Borough of Greenwich. Before working at GAVS, Naomi worked for over 20 years in a range of posts in 5 different London boroughs. She was also seconded for a year to the Cabinet Office, working on various cross departmental change projects. Her last job in a local council was as Head of Policy and Performance in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. After leaving Barking and Dagenham Naomi volunteered with VSO in Vietnam supporting the UNAIDS Vietnam office to improve its practice and management arrangements. Within GAVS, Naomi has led the development of a new organisation so that it is now part of the lifeblood of the borough, engaging with communities and at a strategic level on key issues. Naomi’s key areas of expertise include policy development, management and leadership and monitoring and evaluation.
Deborah Hargreaves

Deborah Hargreaves is a former journalist and editor who worked at the Financial Times for 19 years and as business editor of the Guardian. In 2010 she chaired the High Pay Commission, a year-long inquiry into top pay and inequality. She set up the High Pay Centre in 2012 to provide research and advocacy for tackling pay gaps and top CEO remuneration.

She is currently chair of the London Child Poverty Alliance, a broad group of charities working together to tackle poverty in London.

Her interest in the Greenwich Fairness Commission is in the issues that affect low-income families and the connection this has to wealth at the top of the income scale and how those disparities can be narrowed.

Dr Carole Easton

Carole Easton is Chief Executive at Young Women’s Trust, a charity supporting and representing disadvantaged young women. She has extensive experience in the voluntary sector having been Chief Executive of Cruse Bereavement Care, ChildLine and CLIC Sargent. She has worked as a trainer and consultant in the UK and overseas, developing helplines and children’s services. She is Chair of Young Minds, the UK’s leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. She is also Trustee at Depaul UK - the youth homelessness charity.

Stephen Howlett

Stephen has been Chief Executive of Peabody since 2004. Founded in 1862, Peabody is one of London’s oldest and largest social housing charities. The Peabody Group now owns and manages 28,000 homes across the capital, and runs a range of employment and community projects. It has a development pipeline of over 8,000 homes, and has ambitious plans to regenerate Thamesmead in south-east London.

Stephen was previously Chief Executive of Amicus, a group of housing associations in London and the South East, and a Director at Notting Hill Housing Trust. Before this he worked for the National Housing Federation and the Housing Corporation.

Stephen is one of the Mayor’s Leaders for London on sustainability and an adviser to the Mayor’s Infrastructure Delivery Board. He was Chair of g15, the group of London’s major housing associations from 2009 to 2011.

Stephen has a particular interest in education and skills and is voluntary Chair of the Court and Pro Chancellor of the University of Greenwich. He is a Trustee of Open-City, London's leading architecture education organisation and organiser of Open House London.
Dr Cathy Garner

Dr Cathy Garner’s career has been dedicated to understanding and implementing social and economic development through innovation. She specialises in innovation in cities and communities and has a background in social housing and school effectiveness.

She is currently Executive Director at the Work Foundation in London, a charity and think tank which is a leading provider of research-based analysis, knowledge exchange and policy advice on work, skills and the labour market in the UK and beyond. The Work Foundation has championed “good work” for almost 100 years and is currently focusing on Work 4.0 and Health and Wellbeing in the digital age.

As Chief Executive of Manchester: Knowledge Capital she built a globally recognised partnership for innovation by bridging the boundaries across business, universities and government. Manchester achieved global recognition for this effort by being named most admired Knowledge City in 2009. She served on the Strategic Advisory Board for Intellectual Property for the UK between 2008 and 2010 and was a member of the UK Cabinet Office Innovators’ Council in 2010.

Previously Cathy established and led an international NGO which addressed the health needs of the global poor by developing and promoting creative intellectual property solutions in partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation, global agencies and the pharmaceutical industry; led the establishment of the Scottish Institute for Enterprise and was a founder director of the Scottish North American Business Council. She has served as a Board member of the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) in the USA and was their inaugural Vice President for International Relations. She holds a number of Non-Executive positions and is a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society, the Royal Society for Arts and a member of the Merchant Company of Edinburgh.

Cathy Francis

Cathy joined NHS England in November 2015 where she leads work in the southern region on digital & information transformation as well as communications. She has spent most of her career in central Government where she led on a range of social and economic policy initiatives, including social exclusion and neighbourhood renewal. She has worked in a range of Departments including the Cabinet Office, Department for Work and Pension and the Department for Communities and Local Government. In 2013 she joined Barclays Bank on secondment to the role of Customer Experience Director.
Baroness Lawrence OBE

Doreen Lawrence OBE was born in Jamaica and travelled to the UK at an early age. Stephen, Doreen Lawrence’s first son was murdered on 22nd April 1993, Doreen was embarking on a BA Hon Humanities Degree, during the first year of her course, and Doreen challenged the justice system and the police because of their racist behaviour against her family. Exactly two weeks after the murder, Doreen met with Mr Nelson Mandela on the 6th May. Mr Mandela spoke out and the first arrests were made soon after.

Doreen successfully completed her degree in 1995.

After the initial bungled investigation, the acquittal of suspects, the Macpherson Report’s conclusion that ‘Stephen Lawrence’s murder was solely and unequivocally motivated by racism’, a measure of justice was achieved with the conviction of two suspects in January 2012. Through the abolishment of the double jeopardy law (2005), a result of Doreen and her family’s fight for justice.

Doreen Lawrence is the Founder and Life President of the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust (SLCT). A Charity she set up in 1998 to give bursaries to young people to study architecture because her son Stephen aspired and worked towards being an Architect. The Stephen Lawrence Centre built in Stephen’s memory is situated in Deptford in the London Borough of Lewisham.

Doreen Lawrence was appointed OBE for services to community relations in 2003, awarded the Freedom of the Royal Borough of Greenwich in 2012 and received a life peerage in 2013, taking office in the House of Lords as a Labour Peer in October 2013. Doreen Lawrence carried the Olympic Torch and Olympic flag at the London 2012 Olympics.

Doreen Lawrence OBE was admitted as an Honorary Freewoman of the London Borough of Lewisham on 14th March 2014 in recognition of her work in seeking justice for her son, creating a positive and dynamic legacy in his honour through the Stephen Lawrence Centre and Charitable Trust. Doreen was named number one on the Woman’s Hour Power List 2014 Game Changers.

Doreen Lawrence has recently worked with Peter Neyroud CBE QPM and Keir Starmer QC to publish the Victims Taskforce Report.

The Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon was made Chancellor of De Montfort University on 22nd January 2016.
Gilles Cabon

Gilles Cabon is the Chief Executive of Greenwich Inclusion Project (GrIP), which works to:

(i) To promote race equality and the elimination of all forms of discrimination whether on the grounds of age, disability, gender, race, religion and sexual orientation or any combination thereof in the Borough.

(ii) To support victims of all hate crime in the Borough and surrounding areas; to promote understanding and support the education on rights, and promote opportunities that empower and enable individuals in seeking legal redress and other emotional and practical support.

(iii) To support the advancement of education and awareness raising about different racial and faith groups as a means to promote good relations and community cohesion, and to inform policy and practice in the Borough.