



**London's Frontier Innovation Board**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 2pm – 4pm**  
**London & Partners, 169 Union Street, London SE1 0LL & MS Teams**

**A G E N D A**

**Attendees:**

Laura Citron OBE (Chair) (LC)  
Howard Dawber OBE (HD)  
Alan Thompson (AT)\*  
Amanda Wolthuizen (AW)  
Professor Kevin Fenton CBE (KF)  
Rikesh Shah (RS)  
Shazia Hussain (SH)\*  
Karen Skinner (KS)  
Saul Klein OBE (SK)  
Professor Shitij Kapur (SK)\*  
Professor Nilay Shah OBE (NS)\*  
Caroline Clarke (CC)  
Anne Glover (AG)\*  
Patrick Chinnery (PC)  
Dr. Noorzaman Rashid (NR)\*  
Nick Barr (NB)~  
Jodie Eastwood (JE)\*

David Legg (DL)  
Nathan Davies (ND) observer  
Alex Conway (AC)  
Janet Coyle (JC) observer  
Sandy Tung (ST) observer  
Fergus Moffatt (FM)  
Jordan McCaul (JM) minute taker

**Apologies**

Eddie Copeland (EC)  
Sir Mark Caulfield (MC)\*  
Tony Clements (TC)

**\*Conflicted on LIPF**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

1.1 LC opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees both in person and online.  
Introductions were made.

**2. Apologies**

2.1 Apologies were noted.

### **3. Conflict of Interest declarations & conflict management**

3.1 Paper: Annex A: Conflict of interest

3.2 Board Members were invited to declare any conflicts relevant to the agenda items.

3.3 No additional conflicts were declared that required action beyond those already recorded.

3.4 The Chair confirmed that those bidders who are conflicted on the Local Innovation Partnership Fund (LIPF) would leave the meeting before decisions are made. The list of conflicted and non-conflicted members of the Board is noted above.

### **4. Developing London's LIPF portfolio submission**

4.1 The Chair summarized the process to date and the response to the Registrations of Interest. 22 Registrations of Interest were received, of which 18 were eligible.

4.2 The Chair set out the process going forward. The task for the Board is to shape a portfolio of projects to put forward to UKRI for a quality check. The Expressions of Interest inform the range of potential sectors and technologies, and the range of potential bidders. The Board would shape a portfolio of up to three priorities and would invite relevant eligible bidders to form project teams around these priorities.

4.3 The Board discussed the priorities for the portfolio. This includes the priorities already set at the previous Board meeting, which included: a focus on breakout stage companies; connecting companies to demand; and innovation with a social or environmental impact. The Board further clarified the UKRI guidance, which was that the portfolio needed to focus on specific sectors or technologies.

4.4 The Board used two lenses to shape the portfolio. The first was where London has globally competitive technology or innovation. The second was where London has large-scale demand. This discussion informed the choice of priorities below.

4.5 The Board agreed to focus on three priority opportunities, using LIPF to secure funding and convene partners around areas of large-scale demand.

- Frontier innovation for cardiometabolic disease
- ClimateTech solutions for urban infrastructure
- Scaling quantum companies by connecting them with demand

### **5. LIPF: Readiness Checks**

5.1 Paper: Annex D: London's Readiness Check Submission

5.2 The Board reviewed Readiness Check and noted that UKRI may request further narrowing at a later stage.

5.3 Members agreed it was not necessary to narrow further at this point and that UKRI feedback and workshops could be used to refine scope if required.

5.4 Board members were invited to send any final feedback on the Readiness Check over the coming days.

## **6. Decisions**

- 6.1 The conflicted members of the Board left the meeting. The remaining non-conflicted members remained for the rest of the discussion.
- 6.2 The remaining members reviewed the specific bidders from the Registration of Interest and agreed which should be invited to develop new proposals against the three priorities. The remaining members delegated to the GLA and London & Partners (as Lead Bidder and Secretariat) the following actions:
- Formally notify all bidders of the outcome of their Registration of Interest and next steps.
  - Convene kick-off meetings with shortlisted bidder groups, with Board member support where appropriate.
  - Agree and issue the Application Form, including prompts on social and environmental impact and links to national clusters.
  - Submit the Readiness Check to UKRI, subject to minor final amendments.

## **7. Dates Of Future Meetings**

- 7.1 An April 2026 Board meeting will be scheduled to review final bids.

## **8. Any Other Business**

- 8.1 No additional items were raised.