Smart Cities Advisory Board
Terms of Reference

1. Smart Cities Vision

With people at the heart of everything we do, our ambition is to make Islington a smart city driven by improving the quality of life and fairness throughout the borough.

Islington's vision is for a 'Fairer Islington' and we are passionate about the contribution modern technology can make to the lives of our residents by making it easier to interact with their environment and get things done; bringing our communities together.

To make Islington's journey successful we will focus on the following key areas:

- Continuous engagement putting people at the heart of what we do
- Understanding what is meant by 'quality of life' and how it differs within communities
- Understanding and joining-up smart activities across Islington
- Looking for modern and innovative ways of connecting citizens, students and local businesses to develop ideas on improving their community

We understanding that delivering a smart city will rely upon the support from Senior Council Leaders.

2. Islington's Smart Cities Working Definition

Places where we use modern technology to improve urban environments, interacting with citizens to increase quality of life. They rely upon both internet access and data to improve outcomes for citizens and communities, and redesign the way that services are delivered.

Smart Cities are where the management of urban environments is assisted by information technology, enabling cities to become more liveable, engaging and resilient. A Smart City should try to enable all of its citizens to effortlessly engage, whilst providing an attractive environment.

BSI defines a smart city as one where there is 'effective integration physical, digital, and human systems in the environment to deliver a sustainable, prosperous and inclusive future for its citizens'
SOURCE: PAS 180:2014

3. **Working Principles**

The board will provide expertise and advice helping Islington realise opportunities to avoid pitfalls and to understand when to lead and when to follow and learn from others' journeys.

The board will convene once per quarter to review progress and support the development of the action plan ensuing it reflects the needs of Islington residents, visitors and businesses. A review of the frequency will take place after a period of twelve months.

The board will ensure that the smart cities agenda is ambitious, outward looking, forward thinking and strategic with a clear understanding of what is achievable and deliverable.

4. **Composition**

The board needs to include representation of local not-for-profit, academia, smart cities and industry experts, leading thinkers and partners, to facilitate an understanding of the societal issues in conjunction with technologies advancement to deliver smart cities.

Corporate Leads will be represented.

Chair of Board	Council Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Deputy Chair	Council Executive Member for Finance and Resources

5. **Objectives of the board**

The objectives of the Smart Cities Advisory Board are to:

- Shape Islington's smart cities vision
- Support engagement activities across the borough and with interested groups
- Support thinking and priority-shaping of infrastructure developments
- Provide expert advice on Islington's smart cities strategy, objectives and guiding principles
- Provide expert advice on the latest research and technology opportunities
- Advice on the approach to modernisation
- Assess lessons learnt and help build an evidence base
- Challenge the action plan and ensure it is continually evolved to reflect the needs of Islington
- Challenge idea, pilots and project deliverables