

INSIDE: AGM appoints new WLB Chair; London LEP seeking new business members; Brexit insight & support from WLB; and your chance to put questions to London's Deputy Mayor for Housing at the Autumn Property Lunch.

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## Chief Executive's Update - October 2016

Dear colleague,

Our recent AGM at Fullers on 15 September saw the appointment of Chris Maw as the new Chair of [West London Business board](#). I look forward to working with Chris, a Partner at PwC based in Uxbridge, and the rest of the board in consolidating and building on the changes of the past year at West London Business. *At the AGM we announced new incentives for existing WLB members to recruit new members. More details on this offer can be found below.*

I would strongly encourage leaders of West London businesses seeking to help shape the Mayor's investment plans for London [to apply for vacancies on the London LEP, which is now recruiting new business members](#). **The deadline for applications is Monday 10 October.**

Our future international trading relationships and labour policies remain a huge focus for the business community. Our [Brexit breakfast seminar](#) later this month will consider negotiating priorities as Theresa May today focused minds with the announcement that the Government will [trigger Article 50 by the end of March 2017](#). Alongside this we are gearing up the work of the [West London Export Club](#) with Hounslow Chamber of Commerce, initially with a strong focus on China, Europe and India.

### What else is happening?

- **INSIGHT:** [The latest meeting of the West London Alliance \(WLA\) Economic Prosperity Board took place on 21 September](#) and covered key policy issues including the revision of the London Plan, West London infrastructure priorities and skills commissioning in West London; and [Professor Richard Templer argues \(pg 18\) why West London should become the Silicon Valley for the green economy in Imperial College's Grantham Institute's 'Outlook 2016-2017'](#).
- **VOICE:** Two surveys remain open where we would welcome your participation- the [survey from the Education & Skills Commission](#) for HR directors/ managers and our survey around [increasing your business' productivity and competitiveness](#). Your responses to these surveys will help shape our work going into 2017, so please provide your input ASAP.

- **CONNECTIONS:** The deadline for entries for the [West London Business Awards 2017](#) is only one month away, so if you have not yet made a nomination, please do so; and finally, West London Business is proud to be an Associate Partner of the [IoD India's 16th London Global Convention, taking place on 17-20 October](#). WLB members can register as delegates for this convention at a special rate of £325.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries or ideas you would like to discuss.



Andrew Dakers



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