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Welcome to the Cross River Partnership monthly e-bulletin

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## CRP's FREVUE London Partners visit UPS



The CRP FREVUE London partner meeting was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and included a visit to the UPS depot at their Express Point in Kentish Town, Camden.

Peter Harris, Director of Sustainability at UPS, gave an introduction to the UPS UK activity within FREVUE. UPS' involvement includes the conversion and deployment of 16 P80E Electric Freight Vehicles in their central London operations, as well as the upgrading of grid capacity and relevant infrastructure to accommodate the new vehicles.

18 Modec Electric Freight Vehicles were already operating from this depot prior to FREVUE, four of which now had to be retired. Together with the 16 FREVUE co-funded vehicles this makes 30 Electric Freight Vehicles out of a total fleet of 164. Well done UPS!

The CRP FREVUE (Freight Electric Vehicles in Urban Europe) project is an urban e-mobility project

supported by the European Commission. For questions or comments, please contact CRP's FREVUE Co-ordinator, Tanja Dalle-Muenchmeyer, on [tdmuenchmeyer@westminster.co.uk](mailto:tdmuenchmeyer@westminster.co.uk)

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## European Funding bid submitted for Low Carbon project



Last week CRP made a Step 1 Submission for ERDF Funding through the INTERREG VB North-West Europe programme under their Low Carbon theme. If we are successful the funding will enable CRP to work with organisations and policy makers including TfL, BIDs and Local Authorities, to deliver improved and more efficient deliveries of goods and services across Central London. The project aims to influence freight movement to deliver reductions in carbon emissions across our partner cities to reduce disparities in air quality across the North-West Europe region. Our trans-national partners at this stage are Brussels Mobility and the City of Amsterdam. Outcome expected: February 2016. For further information, please contact CRP Project Manager Charlotte Knell: [cknell1@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:cknell1@westminster.gov.uk)

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## Cross River Partnership welcomes new member



We are extremely pleased to announce that Lewisham Council has formally joined Cross River Partnership as our newest member.

This follows the recent CRP Board meeting where members welcomed the suggestion of inviting the London Borough of Lewisham to the partnership. Lewisham will be represented by Councillor Alan Smith, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Growth and Regeneration, and Robyn Fairman, Head of Strategy, at future CRP Board meetings.

Lewisham is part of the central-London sub region for upcoming funding opportunities such as the European Social Fund. As CRP develops new projects and funding applications, we will invite Lewisham to join these in order to bring benefits to their residents and businesses.

We are looking forward to working with Lewisham! [www.lewisham.gov.uk](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk)

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**Supporting Local Talent event - 36 pledges  
recieved**



On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015, CRP's Recruit London initiative held a successful 'Supporting Local Talent' event to celebrate the work of our new Specialist Workplace Coordinator Sylvia Kankasa, and encourage local businesses to offer employment opportunities to job seekers with disabilities and health conditions.

The event was hosted by Councillor Rachael Robathan, Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health, and Councillor Iain Bott, Deputy Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health from Westminster City Council. Attendees included Aqua Restaurant Group, Debenhams, The Crown Estate, Shake Shack, Hilton Hotels, Gallowglass Security LLP and St Christopher's Place.

We were delighted to generate over 36 pledges, ranging from employers promising to host workplace visits to working with us to 'job carve' vacancies to suit a wider range of candidates. To get involved please email: [skankasa@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:skankasa@westminster.gov.uk) [Click here for more information...](#)

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## CAPCO and CRP: Recruit London Delivery





This month has seen the first workless Westminster residents starting work in the Covent Garden area, as a result of Benjamin Laryea's work through CRP's Recruit London initiative. Ben joined Cross River Partnership in October and is a Workplace Coordinator based within property company Capital & Counties CG Ltd (CAPCO), who link him with their Covent Garden occupiers.

Ben has been working closely with Paperchase and has supported four workless Westminster residents into Christmas Sales Assistant roles - they will receive their first pay-checks before Christmas. Ben will continue to support the candidates for six months to help them do well in their jobs. This adds to the 1,200 residents that Recruit London has already supported into work.

The Recruit London project is also currently recruiting for more jobs in the Covent Garden area: Sales Assistant jobs at Miller Harris; Stylist and Stockroom roles at Jo Malone; and Bar staff, Waiters/Waitresses at The Famous Punch and Judy. Roles are open to Westminster residents who are currently out of work. Contact [Ben Laryea](#) for more information.

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## Delivery & Servicing Plan Trials



CRP's [Clean Air Better Business](#) programme is offering a unique opportunity to gain free advice and a bespoke Delivery Servicing Plan for your organisation.

Changing the way organisations operate can deliver: saved money with lower operating costs; fewer freight vehicles on local roads; improved air quality; improved security of deliveries & servicing; corporate social responsibility objectives.

Corporate organisations such as John Lewis, the London School of Economics, the Financial Times, and most recently the Roundhouse, are leading the way to become Delivery Servicing Plan trailblazers, for others to follow.

If you are interested and would like to find out more please contact CRP's Air Quality Champion – [Uto Patrick](#)

A parallel programme is also being delivered by CRP targeted on Oxford Street West in partnership with NWECC, WEP and Westminster City Council. Interested organisations should contact CRP's Project Manager – [Charlotte Knell](#). [Click here for more information...](#)

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## CAZ Supplementary Planning Guidance - Joint Response



The Mayor of London has published the Draft Central Activities Zone (CAZ) Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) for public consultation. Within a Special Meeting on 2nd December 2015, CRP's member BIDs requested that CRP prepare and submit a joint Central London BIDs response, to strengthen individual BID responses. CRP has done this, in consultation with the BIDs.

Early results from the GLA / LEP commissioned research by Future of London and Rocket Science on the role and added value of London's BIDs will be available early in January 2016 to feed into the Mayor's CAZ SPG consultation results.

The draft SPG can be downloaded here on [the Greater London Authority website](#).

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## Electrification of Cars and Vans Key



To stay within the limits of the fourth and fifth carbon budgets, scenarios published by the Committee on Climate Change (CCC) involve the majority of cars and vans bought in the UK to be fully or partially electric by 2030. According to the CCC, this would remove a significant amount of emissions from transport, improve air quality and potentially boost UK manufacturing.

The Climate Change Act 2008 established an emission reduction target of 80% by 2050 from 1990 levels. The five-yearly carbon budgets are stepping stones to achieving this goal. The Committee on

Climate Change (CCC) will publish its advice to government on the fifth carbon budget in December 2015. [Click here for more information...](#)

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## COP 21 - 2015 Paris Climate Conference



The twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) is taking place from 30 November to 11 December 2015 in Paris, France. Despite significant sticking points to be discussed at the conference, strong political momentum has built worldwide, giving hope that this conference might in fact lead to a universal and binding climate agreement.

700,000 people took part in climate marches across the world the weekend before the conference opened. However, a survey revealed that two thirds of the UK public are unaware of the talks. Here are some of the most important facts:

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change ([UNFCCC](#)) was adopted in [Rio de Janeiro in 1992](#) and has been ratified by 196 States, known as the State Parties. Essentially, at COP 21 countries will look for ways to limit global warming to two degrees, which is considered as the threshold beyond which global warming becomes catastrophic and irreversible. Negotiations will include targets to phase out fossil fuels, targets for renewable energy and about making each country's contributions legally binding. The majority of commitments have been submitted prior to the conference by 178 countries covering more than 90% of global emissions. However, even if these current pledges are met, they will still not be sufficient to limit global warming to 2°C.

Besides the political momentum, the engagement of non-state actors at the conference is encouraging. Big corporations and financial institutions, such as Unilever, Ikea and Allianz have made substantial commitments and divestment vows have increased considerably. But as Michael Dickstein,



Director of Global Sustainable Development at Heineken (a CRP-led FREVUE demonstrator partner) puts it: "The real work starts when COP21 has found the resolution, [...] making sure it isn't something written on paper, but something that is put into practice." [Click here for more information...](#)

### CRP is recruiting!

CRP is currently recruiting to the following two externally-funded positions:

A Business Engagement Project Manager to manage and deliver a range of business facing projects which will deliver outcomes in central London. Projects include working with businesses to support and encourage them to offer family-friendly opportunities, and encouraging businesses to carry out Delivery Servicing Plans. The closing date for the role is **10<sup>th</sup> December 2015**.

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A Workplace Coordinator to specifically work with Lambeth workless residents using Jobcentre Plus Flexible Support Fund, whilst also contributing to the wider Recruit London team.

Workplace Coordinators engage directly with employers to access their vacancies and support, train, and screen job seekers to help them into the roles available. The closing date for this role is **3rd January 2016**. [Click here for more information...](#)

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