LSE/CASE Weak Market Cities Programme

City Reformers Group Meeting
21-22nd September, 2006

Final programme

Thursday 21st September

All sessions will be held in the Centre of Analysis for Social Exclusion, 5th floor, Lionel Robins Building, LSE, unless otherwise indicated.

12.30pm  Registration and buffet lunch, tea and coffee (luggage deposit)

1.00-2.30pm  City Findings across Europe – what we are learning
Chair: Bruce Katz
- what are their distinctive feature and common characteristics?
- what are the signs of recovery?
- what barriers are there to recovery?
- what approaches work best?
- what shapes recovery?
- is there a pattern across Europe?

1.00-1.25pm  Presentation: Findings from 7 cities – Anne Power with Jörg Plöger, Astrid Winkler (LSE); short presentation from Lewis Dijkstra (Urban Audit, EU).
1.25-1.35pm  Respondents: Sylvie Harburger (Commission Européenne), Brian Robson (Manchester)
1.35-2.30pm  Questions & discussion

2.30-2.45pm  Refreshments

2.45-4.30pm  American weak market cities
Chair: Anne Power
- the US patterns of growth and decline
- signs of recovery – market driven investment
- incentives for growth
- centre or edge cities
- divided or mixed communities
- bottom up in the absence of top down
- urban disasters, urban promise
- sustainable development

2.45-3.05pm  Presentation: American Weak Market Cities – Bruce Katz (Brookings)
3.05-3.15pm  Presentation: A ground level perspective – Anika Foster (Local Initiatives Support Corporation of Detroit)
3.25-3.35pm  Respondents: Oliver Weigel (Leipzig)
3.35-4.15pm  Questions & discussion

4.15- 4.30pm  Break – with tea and coffee
4.30-5.45pm  City workshops – based on practical city experiences
Refreshments will be served during the workshop

Main themes
- economic collapse and slow recovery
- urban renewal and sustainable development
- new urban transport systems
- new skills, service and knowledge economy
- social change, social inclusion etc
- parallels between European and American city reform experience

Presentations:
- Sheffield (Joanne Roney) and Belfast (Marie Terese McGivern); with US contribution from Paul Brophy
- St Etienne (Rémi Dormois) and Torino (Elisa Rosso); with US contribution from Anika Foster
- Bremen (Ralph Baumheier), Leipzig (Martha Döhler) and Bilbao (Pedro Luis Emparanza); with US contribution from Eric Menzer
- Urban Audit Analysis (Lewis Dijkstra)
- Facilitators: Tony Travers, Jörg Plöger and Astrid Winkler (LSE)

Workshop questions
- what experiences shape the recovery of cities?
- what policies drive recovery?
- what mistakes have been made?
- what three ideas/measures/policies have most strongly shaped recovery?

5.45-6.00pm  Bringing transatlantic ideas together – feedback from workshops
Chair: Anne Power & Bruce Katz
- what can we learn from 7 cities?
- a top idea from each city

6.00-6.15pm  Round up of themes from day 1

6.15-7.15pm  Free time – check into hotels, freshen up

7.15-8.00pm: Drinks and short speeches
The Terrace in the Fields, Lincoln’s Inn Fields
Chair: Bruce Katz

Howard Davies (Director of LSE)
"What universities can contribute to economic recovery in reforming cities"

Sylvie Harburger (Commission Européenne)
"Why cities of the past are shaping 21st century Europe"

8.00pm  Dinner and social time
Friday 22nd September

8.30am Coffee, fruit, croissants

9.00–10.30am Jobs underpin recovery
   Chair: Howard Davies
   - changing economies of cities
   - why do jobs matter?
   - how do jobs grow? how does the new economy work?
   - how do we change the skills base? how do we adapt?
   - what labour market policies support or hinder job growth?

9.00-9.20am Presentation: Big Picture – Stuart Gulliver (Glasgow University)
9.20-9.40am Presentation: Creating jobs within cities – Paul Brophy (Brophy & Reilly LLC)
9.40-9.50am Presentation: The Sheffield’s Kier Partnership – Danny Maher (Kier, Sheffield) with Jed Turner (Sheffield City Council)
9.50-10.30am Questions & discussion

10.30-11.20am Break-out groups on Social Cohesion and Social Capital
   Refreshments will be served during the workshop
   1. Can cities generate social capital? Should they?
   2. Does migration drive recovery?
      - what approaches help different ethnic communities integrate?
      - is cultural diversity an asset or a liability?
   3. How can cities integrate economically inactive groups into the new jobs markets?
   4. Why social cohesion and social capital have value.
   5. Give 1-2 live examples of how social cohesion and social capital have created economic gains for cities.

To feed back: what social interventions have contributed most to city recovery?
Ideas from city perspectives: Belfast (Marie-Therese McGivern); Sheffield (Laura Moynahan); Torino (Giovanni Magnano); St Etienne (Rémi Dormois); US (Myron Orfield); Leipzig (Oliver Weigel).
Facilitators: Jörg Plöger, Astrid Winkler and Becky Tunstall (LSE)

11.20-11.30am Break - with tea and coffee

11.30am-12.00pm Feedback from break out groups
   - how to share benefits of growth
   - how to galvanise community energies for city recovery

12.00pm-1.00pm The environmental imperative – how to create more sustainable cities
   Chair: Anne Power
   - can we cut energy use by 60%
   - do we consume too much?
   - is growth possible with less inputs & waste
   - can we recycle urban buildings, land, goods?
   - how important is sustainable urban transport?

12.00-12.15pm Presentation: Leipzig mines – Sigrun Kabisch (Leipzig)
12.15-12.35pm Presentation: US-smart growth – Don Chen & Bruce Katz (US)
12.35-1.00pm Questions & discussion

1.00-2.00pm Lunch - Senior Dining Room, Chairman’s Dining Room and Room A588, Old Building
2.00-3.15pm  The role of policy in driving urban recovery
   Chair: Tony Travers
   - how does national government influence cities? over what issues?
   - what role do regions play in European cities?
   - how significant are city-regions?
   - what power do city governments have to shape their destiny?
   - does the EU have much influence? in what?
   - where does US policy get made?
   - what contrasts are there in policy/impact in the US and Europe?

2.00-2.15pm  Presentation: What do governments do best and worst? – Ulli Pfeiffer (Empirica)
2.15-2.30pm  Presentation: What role do non-government bodies play in shaping policy? Mario Calderini (Torino)
2.30-2.40pm  Respondents – Simon Ridley (HM Treasury); Julie Wagner (Brookings)
2.40-3.15pm  Questions & discussion

3.15-4.00pm  Final session
   Anne Power and Bruce Katz

3.15-3.25pm  - what are the emerging themes?
   - what would most help cities?
3.25-3.45pm  - what is the LSE/Brookings plan?
   - future programme
   - what next – city workshops
3.45-4.00pm  Questions & comments

4.00pm  Tea and cakes

Please complete feedback and ideas forms