

CITY-TO-CITY DIGITAL DECLARATION BETWEEN CHIEF DIGITAL OFFICERS GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF HELSINKI

This Declaration is entered into on 11 February 2019 by and between the Chief Digital Officer of London (London) and the Chief Digital Officer of Helsinki (Helsinki) (“the CDOs”). The purpose of this Declaration is to create a framework for collaboration between London and Helsinki for the making, sharing and reusing of digital technology for the benefit of citizens.

This Declaration affirms our collective ambition for city services in the internet age, and our commitments to realising it. It commits us working together to build our respective capabilities to design services that best meet the needs of citizens; offer the flexible tools and services; protect citizens’ privacy and security and deliver better value for money.

This Declaration notes:

1. the internet and digital ways of working make it possible to collaborate more effectively than ever before: to interrogate data, to realise efficiencies, and to reshape public services for the benefit of citizens;
2. city governments have a crucial role in adopting digital technology and services to meet social, environmental and economic challenges faced by our citizens;
3. London and Helsinki have both set out ambitious plans to mobilise our respective cities’ talent, assets and data to improve quality of life for citizens;

The CDOs agree the following:

1. COLLABORATION

The parties will: share best practices and expertise in the field of digitalization, data and artificial intelligence use; share experiences on code and collaborating on joint-platforms; enable city staff to exchange experience on identified work streams to grow in-house talent; and explore possibilities to design digital innovation solutions to common challenges across the two cities.

The activities will focus on:

- Joint working on the ethical use of data and artificial intelligence for better citizen engagement and improved services
- Applying learning from the use of artificial intelligence in smart city solutions
- Learning from successful data sharing approaches across public services, 3D city modelling and the concept of a ‘digital twin’
- Co-creation of digital innovations between entrepreneurs and citizens, lessons from the Mayor of London’s Civic Innovation Challenge

2. TERM

This Declaration has an initial period of three years and may be renewed by mutual agreement between the parties. It may be terminated prior to its expiration by either party at any time without cause. In event of termination, the parties will promptly and orderly terminate any joint activity carried out in a resource-effective manner.

4. GENERAL

This Declaration is intended to set forth the understanding of London and Helsinki concerning the subject matter stated herein and is not intended to be a legally binding instrument or to create any legally enforceable rights or obligations. London and Helsinki will comply with respective laws in performing the activities under the Declaration.