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GOING GREEN IS THE ROAD TO GROWTH

In a new report produced by the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Copenhagen has been named as a role model for other cities with ambitions of green growth.

The report entitled 'Copenhagen: Green Economy Leader Report' concludes that Copenhagen is one of the world's leading green urban economies and a role model for other cities sharing ambitions of green growth. The findings of the report are remarkable, because they confirm that Copenhagen's long-term efforts at going green have not only had an effect on the environment and the climate, but have also contributed significantly to economic growth and employment in recent years.

Certain drivers place Copenhagen as a world leader. These include the city's physical planning and urban form, strong innovation, high skills and employment, and low carbon emissions compared with other cities while continuing to deliver environmental performance. Long-term investments in these areas by both public and private investors have provided the basis for 'green output', economic prosperity, as well as enhancing the quality of life.

Frank Jensen, Lord Mayor of Copenhagen said:

- The report proves that green transition and growth go hand in hand in the City of Copenhagen. Copenhagen is once again named as a world leader of green growth, but at the same time the report also emphasises that Copenhagen must continue to make wise and courageous decisions if we are to maintain this position.

Morten Kabell, Mayor, the Technical and Environmental Administration said:

- Focus on the environment and the climate has dwindled on a worldwide scale due to the economic crisis. However, the report from the LSE shows that Copenhagen has managed to deliver significant environmental performance while also maintaining solid economic growth. The report also notes, however, that Copenhagen must continue to invest and not be afraid of using available tools including planning, regulations, and green taxes if we wish to maintain our green lead.

Today, the report will be presented as part of the series of events, 'Sharing Copenhagen Masterclass', which is held in celebration of the nomination of Copenhagen as European Green Capital 2014. The presentation will take place in collaboration with CLEAN, a merger of Copenhagen Cleantech Cluster and Lean Energy Cluster to mark the International Cleantech Network Summit 2014.

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Download the report in full here: <http://lsecities.net/publications/reports/>

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