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Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)

Date: Thursday 18 January 2024

Time: 10.00 am

Place: Chamber, City Hall,
Kamal Chunchie Way, London, E16 1ZE

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Present:

Andrew Boff AM (Chair)	Neil Garratt AM
Marina Ahmad AM	Susan Hall AM
Lord Bailey of Paddington AM	Krupesh Hirani AM
Elly Baker AM	Joanne McCartney AM
Siân Berry AM	Sem Moema AM
Emma Best AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Hina Bokhari AM	Zack Polanski AM
Anne Clarke AM	Keith Prince AM
Léonie Cooper AM	Nick Rogers AM
Unmesh Desai AM	Caroline Russell AM
Tony Devenish AM	Sakina Sheikh AM
Peter Fortune AM	

1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 1)

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members, officers and the public, both in the gallery and watching on the webcast, to the Mayor's Question Time meeting of the London Assembly. This included students from the Wilmington Grammar School in Dartford, and representatives from the National Federation for the Blind and Inclusion London.

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- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of the Deputy Chair, Dr Onkar Sahota AM, and Len Duvall AM.
- 1.3 The Chair provided an update on recent Assembly activity, including: the Budget and Performance Committee's scrutiny of the Mayor's 2024-25 budget, including funding proposals for the London Fire Brigade, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, and the Metropolitan Police Service, and direct questions to the Mayor of London; the Police and Crime Committee's discussion on money laundering in London; the examination of Transport for London's tree planting programme and land controlled by the Greater London Authority (GLA) by the Environment Committee; the Economy Committee's meeting on the impact of Brexit on London's economy; the publication of the Economy Committee's report on childcare in London; the Housing Committee's review of the state of the Build to Rent sector in London; and the GLA Oversight Committee's discussion on the performance of the London Pensions Fund Authority.
- 1.4 The Chair concluded his announcements by congratulating all Londoners and GLA family colleagues who had received awards in the King's New Year's Honours List.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

2.2 **Resolved:**

That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting held on 7 December 2023 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Mayor's Report (Item 4)

- 4.1 The Assembly noted the Mayor's Report covering the period from 8 December 2023 to 4 January 2024.

- 4.2 In accordance with Standing Order 5.4A, the Mayor gave an oral update on matters occurring since the publication of his report. The record of the oral update is attached at **Appendix 1**.

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4.3 Resolved:

That the Mayor's Report covering the period from 8 December 2023 to 4 January 2024 be noted.

5 Questions to the Mayor (Item 5)

5.1 The record of the discussion with the Mayor, including oral answers given by the Mayor to Members' questions, is attached as **Appendix 2**.

5.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting is attached as **Appendix 3**.

5.3 The meeting adjourned at 11.33am, reconvening at 11.46am.

5.4 During the course of the question and answer session the Chair proposed, and it was agreed, that Standing Order 2.9B be suspended to extend the meeting in order to allow the remaining questions on the priority order paper to be put to the Mayor and for the remaining items of business on the agenda to be considered.

5.5 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Assembly agreed the motion set out on the agenda in the name of the Chair, namely:

"That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked".

6 Future Meetings of the Assembly (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

That the Assembly agreed to accept written answers to all questions submitted to the 22 February 2024 London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting under the Mayor's Question Time procedure, in order to devote time to discussion of the Mayor's Final Draft Consolidated Budget 2024-25.

7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)

7.1 The next meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting which was scheduled to take place at 10.00am on 25 January 2024 in the Chamber, City Hall.

8 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 8)

8.1 There were no items of urgent business.

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9 Close of Meeting

9.1 The meeting ended at 12.58pm.

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