

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting: Health Committee

Date: Wednesday 13 March 2024

Time: 2.00 pm

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

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Present:

Dr Onkar Sahota AM (Chair)

Caroline Russell AM (Deputy Chair)

Emma Best AM

Andrew Boff AM

Krupesh Hirani AM

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

1.1 There were no apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 The Committee 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 meeting held on 1 February 2024 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

4.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

4.2 **Resolved:**

That the completed, closed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings be noted.

5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

5.2 **Resolved:**

That the recent action taken by the Chair under delegated authority in consultation with party Group Lead Members, namely to agree the report on eating disorders as attached at Appendix 1 of the agenda report, be noted.

6 Responses to Committee Outputs (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

6.2 **Resolved:**

That the response from the Mayor of London to the Committee's letter on trauma-informed approaches to youth violence as attached at Appendix 1 of the agenda report, be noted.

7 Question and Answer Session with the GLA Health Team (Item 7)

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat as background to putting questions to the following invited guests:

- Jazz Bhogal, Assistant Director of Health, Children and Young Londoners, Greater London Authority (GLA);
- Dr Tom Coffey OBE, Mayoral Health Advisor;
- Professor Kevin Fenton, Regional Director for London, Office of Health Improvement and Disparities, Regional Director of Public Health, NHS London, and Statutory Health Advisor to the GLA;
- Vicky Hobart, GLA Group Director of Public Health & Deputy Statutory Health Advisor; and
- Emma Pawson, Head of Health and Wellbeing / Programme Director for Free School Meals, GLA.

7.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.

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- 7.3 The Mayoral Health Advisor and the Statutory Health Advisor to the GLA gave short presentations to set the scene for the question and answers session using slides as attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 7.4 The Deputy Chair, the meeting guests and Health Committee Members thanked Dr Onkar Sahota AM as he prepared to stand down from the London Assembly, for his 12 years on the Health Committee including the nine years in the Chair.
- 7.5 The meeting adjourned at 3.58pm, reconvening at 4.05pm.
- 7.6 During the course of the discussion, the Mayoral Health Advisor agreed to provide the following additional information:
- Whether London is on target to meet the World Health Organization target for air quality - particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter - by 2030;
 - Whether the GLA Health team had a chance to have input into the Mayor of London's recent report on air quality;
 - Whether the Mayor has met his stretch target of lifting 75,000 more Londoners onto the Living Wage using the most up to date figures;
 - Whether there can be more campaigns on Transport for London regarding public health initiatives; and if so more detail on this;
 - The outcome of the consultation on maternity services in North Central London; or any response to the consultation from the GLA;
 - Who, within the GLA and within the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, is receiving updates on the work of the London Drugs Commission; and how much has been spent on that Commission;
 - How many survey responses were received from the London Drugs Commission consultation which ended on 7 July 2023;
 - The number of housing association projects that work with drug users who have their staff being trained to give out naloxone.
 - The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) report regarding the data on number of incidents where the MPS are the first responder to an opiate overdose and how this impacted their view on officers carrying naloxone; and
 - The Home Office stance on London providing drugs testing services.
- 7.7 The Head of Health and Wellbeing, GLA, agreed to provide further examples of what the GLA Health Team have done to support Mental Health Champions.
- 7.8 The Assistant Director of Health, Children and Young Londoners, GLA, agreed to:
- Share the evaluation of the School SuperZones programme; and
 - Confirm the number of School Superzones which have been implemented without a Controlled Parking Zone.

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7.9 The GLA Group Director of Public Health agreed to:

- Confirm whether there are interim targets on everyone in London getting their 20 minutes of physical activity by 2041; and
- Confirm whether the Health team would lobby the Government to ask that the design of Copenhagen crossings can include a pedestrian priority sign as part of their implementation.

7.9 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and discussion be noted.**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the discussion.**

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

8.1 The London Assembly's Annual Meeting on 10 May 2024, would decide which Committees to establish for the 2024/25 Assembly Year and a timetable of meetings for those committees.

9 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 9)

9.1 There were no items of business that the Chair considered to be urgent.

10 Close of Meeting

10.1 The meeting ended at 4.37pm.

Chair

Date

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