

MINUTES

Meeting: Economy Committee

Date: Wednesday 13 December 2023

Time: 2.00 pm

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

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Present:

Marina Ahmad AM (Chair)

Andrew Boff AM (Deputy Chair)

Hina Bokhari AM

Unmesh Desai AM

Neil Garratt AM

Krupesh Hirani AM

Zack Polanski AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Anne Clarke AM for whom Unmesh Desai AM attended as a substitute.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of 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 9 November 2023 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 and ongoing actions arising from previous meetings, and the additional correspondence received, be noted.

5 The Impact of Remote Working on Central London (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat as background to putting questions on the impact of remote working on Central London to the following invited guests:

- Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz, Leader of Islington Council and Deputy Chair of Central London Forward;
- Kate Hart, Chief Executive Officer of the Eastern City Business Improvement District;
- Jonathan Seager, Policy Director at BusinessLDN;
- Rosie Day, Director at the London Property Alliance; and
- Ben Johnson, Mayoral Head of Business and Economic Policy at the Greater London Authority.

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

5.3 During the course of the discussion the Chief Executive Officer of EC BID agreed to:

- Share EC BID's report titled Office Politics Around Hybrid Working; and
- Provide case studies of successful schemes EC BID had worked on.

5.4 During the course of the discussion the Leader of Islington Council and Deputy Chair of Central London Forward agreed to share work Central London Forward and the New Economic Foundation had undertaken to monitor the impact that local authorities and the GLA had on improving the Central Activities Zone (CAZ).

5.5 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.

6 Economy Committee Work Programme (Item 6)

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

6.2 **Resolved:**

That the work programme be noted.

7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)

7.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 11 January 2024 at 2.00pm in the Chamber, City Hall.

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

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

9 Close of Meeting

9.1 The meeting ended at 4.28pm.

Chair

Date

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