

MINUTES

Meeting: Economy Committee
Date: Thursday 9 November 2023
Time: 10.00 am
**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

Anne Clarke AM

Neil Garratt AM

Krupesh Hirani AM

Zack Polanski 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 17 October 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 outstanding actions arising from previous meetings be noted.

5 Free School Meals in London (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat as background to putting questions on free school meals in London to the following invited guests:

Panel 1

- Daniel Kebede, General Secretary, National Education Union;
- Barbara Crowther, Campaign Coordinator, Sustain; and
- Dr Katharine Vincent, Director, Reconnect London.

Panel 2

- Joanne McCartney AM, Deputy Mayor for Children and Families;
- Emma Pawson, Head of Health and Programme Director for Free School Meals, Greater London Authority (GLA); and
- Richard Watts, Deputy Chief of Staff, GLA.

5.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendices 1 and 2**.

5.3 The meeting adjourned at 11.31am and reconvened at 11.41am.

5.4 During the course of the discussion the Campaign Coordinator for Sustain agreed to provide Bremner & Co's report *Impact on Urban Health*.

5.5 Over the duration of the meeting the General Secretary for the National Education Union agreed to provide information on which London boroughs were paying £3.00 per school meal.

5.6 The Head of Health and Programme Director for Free School Meals, GLA agreed to verify when the London Food Board team would convene a meeting between boroughs and schools to discuss and encourage sustainable transport and delivery strategies.

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5.7 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 13 December 2023 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 12.30pm.

Chair

Date

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