

MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**
Date: Wednesday 20 March 2013
Time: 10.00 am
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

Jennette Arnold OBE (Chair)	Stephen Knight
Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair)	Kit Malthouse
Tony Arbour	Joanne McCartney
Gareth Bacon	Steve O'Connell
Victoria Borwick	Caroline Pidgeon MBE
Tom Copley	Murad Qureshi
Andrew Dismore	Onkar Sahota
Len Duvall	Navin Shah
Roger Evans	Valerie Shawcross CBE
Nicky Gavron	Richard Tracey
Jenny Jones	Fiona Twycross

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from John Biggs AM, Andrew Boff AM and James Cleverly AM.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed to the public gallery, teachers and children from Goose Green Primary & Nursery School in East Dulwich, Chingford Church of England Junior School in Waltham Forest, Kingsley Primary School in Croydon, journalism students from the Press Association, students from Lambeth College and from Lawrence University, Upstate New York, and members of Transport for London's Surface Transport Team.
- 1.3 The Chair, on behalf of the Assembly, and the Mayor congratulated Mr David Jones on his appointment as High Sheriff of Greater London.

2. Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 Resolved:

That the list of Assembly Members' appointments, 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 (Mayor's Question Time) meeting on 25 February 2013 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 12 February to 6 March 2013.
- 4.2 In accordance with Standing Order 5.4A, the Chair had agreed to allow the Mayor to give an oral update on matters occurring since the publication of his report. The record of the oral update is set out at **Appendix 1**.

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 at **Appendix 2**.

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- 5.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting are attached at **Appendix 3**.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Chair formally moved the motion set out on the agenda, namely:

“That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked.”

- 5.5 Joanna McCartney AM moved and Jenny Jones AM seconded the following amendment to the motion:

“The Assembly calls on the Mayor to ‘arrange for the publication of a reconciliation between the different sets of Greater London Authority figures and the corresponding national statistics published by the Home Office’ as requested by Andrew Dilnot, Chair of the UK Statistics Authority in relation to police numbers.”

In accordance with Standing Order 3.6, the Chair, as mover of the motion, accepted the amendment.

- 5.6 Upon being put to a vote, the motion as altered, namely:

“That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked. The Assembly calls on the Mayor to ‘arrange for the publication of a reconciliation between the different sets of Greater London Authority figures and the corresponding national statistics published by the Home Office’ as requested by Andrew Dilnot, Chair of the UK Statistics Authority in relation to police numbers.”

was agreed (by 21 votes cast in favour and 0 votes cast against).

6. Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)

- 6.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Assembly would be the Annual Meeting which would take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 1 May 2013 in the Chamber, City Hall.

7. Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 7)

- 7.1 There was no urgent business requiring consideration.

8. Close of Meeting

8.1 The meeting finished at 12.55pm.

Chair

Date

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