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**Meeting: Budget and Performance
Committee**

Date: Tuesday 13 January 2015

Time: 10.00 am

**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

John Biggs AM (Chairman)
Stephen Knight AM (Deputy Chair)
Gareth Bacon AM
Darren Johnson AM
Joanne McCartney AM
Valerie Shawcross CBE AM
Richard Tracey AM

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

- 1.1 There were no apologies for absence.
- 1.2 The Chairman reported that the Committee's Scrutiny Manager, Steve Wright, had been promoted and that this would be his last meeting. The Chairman thanked Mr Wright on behalf of the Committee for his contribution to its work.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 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.

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2.2 The Chairman announced that, in accordance with Standing Order 2.2(D), he would take the remainder of the business in a different order than that set out on the agenda.

3 Budget and Performance Committee Work Programme (Item 4)

3.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat

3.2 **Resolved:**

That the Committee's work programme for 2014/15 be noted.

4 Date of Next Meeting (Item 5)

4.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Thursday 19 March 2015 at 10.00am in Committee Room 5.

5 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 6)

5.1 There was no other business.

5.2 At 10.02am, the Chairman adjourned the meeting until the arrival of the Mayor. The meeting reconvened at 10.05am.

6 The 2015/16 GLA Group Budget (Item 3)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on the 2015/16 GLA Group Budget to the following invited guests:

- Boris Johnson, Mayor of London;
- Sir Edward Lister, Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor, Policy and Planning;
- Martin Clarke, Executive Director of Resources, GLA; and
- David Gallie, Assistant Director – Group Finance, GLA.

6.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix 1**.

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6.3 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following additional information in writing:

- Details of any GLA Group assets sold at below market level for affordable housing;
- Details of the Mayor's decision-making process and officers involved in decisions about disposals at below market level, as well as the Mayor's priorities for disposals;
- Details of the numbers of people affected by increases to the Zones 1 to 6 Travelcard and the pay as you go cap in outer London zones;
- A follow-up to the undertaking to look again at the increases to Zones 1 to 6 travelcards and pay as you go caps, along with increases to group fares, particularly in connection with schools;
- An explanation for the proportion of homes being built for discounted rent with three or more bedrooms falling short of the 36% target;
- Details of the youth unemployment rate and how it impacts on the number of young people available for apprenticeships; and
- The funding levels available for Team London in 2015/16 and 2016/17.

6.4 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and discussion be noted; and**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the Committee's response to the Mayor's Draft Consultation Budget for 2015/16.**

7 Close of Meeting

7.1 The meeting ended at 12.17pm.

Chairman

Date

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