

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Economy Committee**  
**Date: Thursday 5 March 2015**  
**Time: 10.00 am**  
**Place: Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Jenny Jones AM (Chair)  
Tony Arbour AM  
Gareth Bacon AM  
Andrew Dismore AM  
Stephen Knight AM  
Dr Onkar Sahota AM  
Tom Copley AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Chair, Fiona Twycross AM, for whom Tom Copley AM substituted.

**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 15 January 2015 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 Secretariat.

#### **4.2 Resolved:**

**That the completed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted.**

### **5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)**

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

#### **5.2 Resolved:**

**That the following action taken by certain Economy Committee Members under the authority delegated to them be noted, namely:**

- (a) The Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, agreed the arrangements for a stakeholder engagement event with business on climate change risks (the details of which are attached at Appendix 1 to the report);**
- (b) The Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, wrote to the Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise on topics arising from the Committee meeting held on 15 January; and**
- (c) Fiona Twycross AM, as the Assembly's previous rapporteur on food poverty, agreed letters to stakeholders based on the recommendations made in the Committee's report *A Zero Hunger City*.**

## **6 Supporting Microbusinesses in London (Item 6)**

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on supporting microbusiness in London to the following invited guests:

- Benedict Dellot, Senior Researcher, The RSA;
- Dr Jessica Ferm, Senior Teaching Fellow, The Bartlett, University College London and Ex-officio Member, Open Workspaces Providers Group;
- Diana Sterck, Chief Executive, Merton Chamber of Commerce;
- Paul Mayhew, Association of Community Based Business Advice; and
- Simon Pitkeathley, Chief Executive, Camden Town Unlimited and Member, Open Workspaces Providers Group.

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

6.3 **Resolved:**

**That the report and discussion be noted.**

## **7 Apprenticeships in London (Item 7)**

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

7.2 **Resolved:**

**That the Mayor's response to the Committee's work on apprenticeships in London, and the initial follow-up proposals to the Committee's work on apprenticeships be noted.**

## **8 Climate Change Risks to the London Economy (Item 8)**

8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

8.2 **Resolved:**

**That the report summarising the responses from stakeholders to the Committee's summary report on climate change risks to the London economy be noted.**

## **9 Internships in London (Item 9)**

9.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

9.2 **Resolved:**

**That the Mayor's response to the Committee's work on internships and the follow up actions taken by the Committee be noted.**

## **10 Economy Committee Work Programme (Item 10)**

10.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

10.2 **Resolved:**

**(a) That the record of the Committee's work in the 2014/15 Assembly year be noted; and**

**(b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the indicative work programme, including the topics for the first two meetings, for the 2015/16 Assembly year, subject to a decision of the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting to re-establish the Committee.**

## **11 Date of Next Meeting (Item 11)**

11.1 Subject to confirmation at the London Assembly's Annual Meeting on 13 May 2015, the next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Thursday, 18 June 2015 at 10.00 am in Committee Room 5, City Hall.

## **12 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 12)**

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

## 13 Close of Meeting

13.1 The meeting ended at 11.55 am.

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Chair

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Date

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