

MINUTES

Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)
Date: Wednesday 23 July 2014
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Roger Evans AM (Chairman)	Jenny Jones AM
Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Deputy Chair)	Stephen Knight AM
Tony Arbour AM	Kit Malthouse AM
John Biggs AM	Joanne McCartney AM
Andrew Boff AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Victoria Borwick AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Tom Copley AM	Murad Qureshi AM
Andrew Dismore AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Len Duvall AM	Richard Tracey AM
Nicky Gavron AM	Fiona Twycross AM
Darren Johnson AM	

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Gareth Bacon AM, James Cleverly AM, Navin Shah AM and Valerie Shawcross CBE AM
- 1.2 During the course of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed to the public gallery summer placement students from Transport for London, students from the University of the Arts, Elephant and Castle and the 2014 CIMA Toronto Mayor's Cricket Team.

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.

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

That the minutes from the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting held on 2 July 2014 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 Mayor's Report (Item 4)

- 4.1 The Assembly noted the Mayor's Report covering the period from 19 June to 9 July 2014.
- 4.2 In accordance with Standing Order 5.4A, the Mayor gave an oral update on matters occurring since the publication of his report. The record of the oral update is attached 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 as **Appendix 2**.
- 5.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 5.3 During the course of the question and answer session, at 12.30pm, the Chairman 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

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remaining items of business on the agenda to be considered.

- 5.4 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Chairman formally moved the motion set out on the agenda, namely:

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

- 5.5 Fiona Twycross AM moved and Andrew Dismore AM seconded the following amendment to the motion:

After, “That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked.” add:

“This Assembly notes Mayoral Direction 1385 – *Direction to LFEPA on partial performance* – compelling the Commissioner of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) to prepare a ‘report to the 2 October LFEPA meeting, investigating...withholding payment from fire fighters for part or the whole period of duty on which they are on strike’¹.

“This Assembly is concerned that, despite several debates at LFEPA on the issue of ‘locking fire fighters out’ (culminating in the conclusion that this would be a self-defeating and provocative approach to industrial relations), the Mayor is insisting LFEPA considers taking this incendiary course of action.

“This Assembly regards the Mayor’s Direction as an unnecessary and deliberately antagonistic approach to industrial relations; that it will hinder rather than help the resolution of the current dispute; and that the safety of Londoners will be jeopardised should a decision be made to ‘lock out’ fire fighters.

“Given these grave concerns about Mayoral Direction 1385, this Assembly calls on the Mayor to withdraw it with immediate effect and pursue a route that puts the welfare of Londoners before his politically-motivated desire to attack fire fighters in the capital.”

- 5.6 Following debate and upon being put to the vote, the amendment was agreed, with 12 votes cast in favour and 6 votes cast against.
- 5.7 Upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion, namely:

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6 Proposed Delegation of Authority to the Chairman of the Assembly (Item 6)

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

6.2 **Resolved:**

That the Assembly in relation to urgent matters only, agree a general delegation of authority in respect of the Assembly’s powers and functions (apart from those that cannot under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 be delegated) be given to the Chairman of the Assembly, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, party Group Leaders and relevant Committee Chair(s), from the close of this meeting until the next meeting of the Assembly, which will be the Plenary meeting on 10 September 2014.

7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)

7.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting which was scheduled to take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 10 September 2014 in the Chamber, City Hall.

² Johnson. B, Mayoral Decision 1385, *Direction to LFEPA on partial performance*, Issued: 23.07.14

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

8.1 There were no items of urgent business.

9 Close of Meeting

9.1 The meeting ended at 12.57pm.

Chair

Date

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