

MINUTES

Meeting: Environment Committee
Date: Thursday 4 December 2014
Time: 2.00 pm
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Stephen Knight AM (Chair)
Murad Qureshi AM (Deputy Chair)
James Cleverly AM
Len Duvall AM
Nicky Gavron AM
Jenny Jones AM
Kit Malthouse 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 Secretariat.

2.2 Kit Malthouse AM declared an interest in respect of his role as Chairman of the London Hydrogen Partnership which had worked with Transport for London (TfL) on procuring hydrogen vehicles. As this was deemed a non-pecuniary interest, it is noted here for transparency.

2.3 **Resolved:**

- (a) 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; and
- (b) That the non-pecuniary interest made by Kit Malthouse AM in respect of his role as Chairman of the London Hydrogen Partnership be noted.

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2014 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 outstanding actions arising from a 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 recent action taken by the Chair under delegated authority, namely to agree, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, a joint response with the Chair of the Transport Committee to the consultation on the London Airspace Management Programme be noted.

6 Diesel Emissions (Item 6)

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

- Sam Longman, Policy Manager (Environment), TfL;
- Steve McNamara, London Taxi Drivers Association;
- Matthew Pencharz, Mayor's Senior Adviser – Environment and Energy;
- Elliot Treharne, Principal Policy & Programme Manager (Air Quality), GLA
- Mike Weston, Director of Buses, TfL; and
- Steve Wright MBE, Chairman, Licensed Private Hire Car Association.

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

6.3 During the course of the discussion, the Chairman of the Licensed Private Hire Car Association committed to provide Members with a breakdown by fuel type for private hire vehicle in London and the Principal Policy & Programme Manager (Air Quality), GLA committed to provide the Committee with more detail on Liquid Petroleum Gas-fitted taxi policy.

6.4 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

7 Environment Committee Work Programme (Item 7)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

(a) That the work programme be noted; and

(b) That a proposal to hold meetings on water issues in January and February 2015, and an update on the Mayor's Biodiversity Strategy in March 2015, as outlined at section 4 of the report, be agreed.

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

8.1 The date of the next meeting of the Committee was confirmed as Wednesday 7 January 2015 at 10.00 am in the Chamber, City Hall.

9 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 9)

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

10 Close of Meeting

10.1 The meeting ended at 4.31 pm.

Chair

Date

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