

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Education Panel**  
**Date: Thursday 18 September 2014**  
**Time: 2.00 pm**  
**Place: Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Chair)  
Tony Arbour AM  
Andrew Boff AM  
Tom Copley AM  
Darren Johnson AM  
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Dismore 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 Andrew Boff AM declared in interest in that his partner was employed in a school within the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. This was not considered a pecuniary interest, but was recorded 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 declaration made by Andrew Boff AM in respect of his partner's employment be noted as a non-pecuniary interest.**

### **3 Membership of the Panel (Item 3)**

#### **3.1 Resolved:**

**That the membership and chairing arrangements of the Panel, as agreed by the GLA Oversight Committee on 25 June 2014, be noted as follows:**

**Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Chair)  
Tony Arbour AM  
Andrew Boff AM  
Andrew Dismore AM  
Darren Johnson AM  
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM**

### **4 Term of Reference (Item 4)**

#### **4.1 Resolved:**

**That the term of reference of the Panel be noted as follows:**

**"To keep under review and investigate as appropriate the development and delivery of the Mayor's policies and strategies in relation to education and to report back to the GLA Oversight Committee as necessary."**

### **5 Summary List of Actions (Item 5)**

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

#### **5.2 Resolved:**

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

5.3 In accordance with Standing Order 2.2(D), the Chair announced that she would consider the remaining items of business in a different order than that set out of the agenda.

### **6 Education Panel Work Programme 2014/15 (Item 7)**

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

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6.2 The Chair explained that the Panel's report, *London Learner's, London Lives*, had been published on the 16 September 2014, and would be submitted to the GLA Oversight Committee for approval.

6.3 **Resolved:**

**(a) That the Panel's work programme be noted;**

**(b) That the topics for the 26 November 2014 and the 11 February 2015 meetings of the Panel, as set out at paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 of Agenda Item 7 be noted; and**

**(c) That the publication of the Panel's report, *London Learners, London Lives*, be noted.**

## **7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)**

7.1 The date of the next meeting was scheduled for the 26 November 2014 at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA.

## **8 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 9)**

8.1 There were no urgent items of business.

## **9 School Places Update and the Provision of Support for Children with Special Needs (Item 6)**

9.1 The Panel received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions to the following guests on both schools places and the provision of support for children with special educational needs (SEN) in London:

- Gillian Bennell, Head of Special Services Planning, London Borough of (LB) Wandsworth;
- Tara Flood, Director, Alliance for Inclusive Education;
- Helen Jenner, Corporate Director of Children's Services, LB Barking and Dagenham;
- Linda Jordan, Regional Co-ordinator, Preparing for Adulthood.
- Holly Morgan-Smith, Project Manager - SEND Reforms, LB Ealing;
- Gary Redhead, Assistant Director - Schools, Planning and Resources, LB Ealing;
- Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People, LB Lewisham; and
- Lysanne Wilson, Director of Operations, YoungMinds.

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

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9.3 During the course of discussions, the Chair encouraged guests to provide any additional information they thought that the Panel's investigation would benefit from after the meeting, including what implications may arise, or had arisen, from the Children and Families Act 2014.

9.4 **Resolved:**

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

## **10 Close of Meeting**

10.1 The meeting ended at 4.05 pm.

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Chair

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Date

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