

MINUTES

Meeting: GLA Oversight Committee
Date: Tuesday 30 June 2015
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Joanne McCartney AM (Chair)
Roger Evans AM
Darren Johnson AM
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Navin Shah AM
Valerie Shawcross CBE AM

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

- 1.1 As the Chair and Deputy Chairman had given apologies, the committee clerk, having called formally for nominations, declared Joanne McCartney AM as Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Tony Arbour AM, Andrew Boff AM, Len Duvall AM, for whom Valerie Shawcross CBE AM attended as a substitute, and Jennette Arnold OBE AM, for whom Dr Onkar Sahota AM attended as a substitute.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 Resolved:

That the list of Assembly Members' appointments, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Membership of the Committee (Item 3)

3.1 That the membership and chairing arrangements for the Committee made by the Annual Meeting of the Assembly on 13 May 2015, be noted as follows:

**Len Duvall AM (Chair)
Tony Arbour AM (Deputy Chairman)
Jennette Arnold OBE AM
Andrew Boff AM
Roger Evans AM
Darren Johnson AM
Joanne McCartney AM
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Navin Shah AM**

4 Terms of Reference and Standing Delegations (Item 4)

4.1 That the membership, chairing arrangements and Chair's standing delegations for the Committee, made by the Annual Meeting of the Assembly on 13 May 2015, be noted.

5 Re-Establishment of Working Groups and Panels (Item 5)

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

5.2 **Resolved:**

(a) That the Education Panel, the Head of Paid Service Performance Review Panel and the Devolution Working Group be established with the terms of reference, membership and chairing arrangements as set out in the report.

(b) That the Standing Orders Working Group be established with the terms of reference and chairing arrangements as set out in the report, and with the following membership:

**Andrew Dismore AM
Darren Johnson AM
Steve O'Connell AM**

6 Minutes (Item 6)

6.1 **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee held on 24 March 2015 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7 Summary List of Actions (Item 7)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

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

8 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 8)

8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat setting out recent correspondence issued by the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee under delegated authority.

8.2 **Resolved:**

That the recent actions taken by the Chair of the Committee under delegated authority be noted.

9 Head of Paid Service Oral Update (Item 9)

9.1 There were no items of additional business that required an oral update.

10 Annual Governance Statement 2014-15 (Item 10)

10.1 The Committee received the report of the Head of Paid Service and Executive Director of Resources.

10.2 Valerie Shawcross CBE AM suggested that the Authority should ensure a commercial or independent assessment be undertaken at the outset of occasions where the Mayor enters into an alliance or partnership with a single commercial entity without any open market or tendering processes having taken place, noting that, whilst there was no suggestion of legal impropriety, the Authority nevertheless has a fiduciary duty to ensure value for money.

10.3 The Head of Governance and Resilience, agreed to reflect the comments in the Annual Governance Statement and re-submit the Statement to the next meeting of the Committee for further discussion.

10.4 **Resolved:**

That a revised version of the draft GLA Annual Governance Statement for 2014-15, amended to reflect the comments made in the meeting and recorded above, be circulated for further discussion at the next meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee.

11 Shared Services: Consultation on Shared Insurance Functions (Item 11)

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

11.2 **Resolved:**

That the proposal for a shared service arrangement for Transport for London to undertake the Greater London Authority's insurance arrangements, as described in the report, be noted.

12 Survey of National Rail Passengers (Item 12)

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

12.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That it be agreed that expenditure of up to £5,000 be authorised for the Transport Committee to commission an external contractor to conduct a survey of London residents on attitudes to National Rail services; and**
- (b) That it be noted that the Executive Director of Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Transport Committee, would commission the external contractor to carry out the rail survey.**

13 Research to Support the Health Committee's Investigation into Tuberculosis in London (Item 13)

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

13.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That it be agreed to approve expenditure of up to a maximum of £5,000 from the 2015/16 scrutiny programme budget, to commission external contractors to undertake survey work to support the Health Committee's investigation into tuberculosis in London; and**
- (b) That it be noted that the Executive Director of the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Health Committee, would commission the external contractors.**

14 Secretariat Quarterly Review, Quarter 4, 2014-15 (Item 14)

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

14.2 **Resolved:**

That the core Secretariat quarterly monitoring report for the fourth quarter of 2014/15 (January – March 2015) be noted.

15 GLA Annual Equalities Report - Assembly Contribution (Item 15)

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

15.2 **Resolved:**

That the Assembly's contribution to the GLA's Annual Equalities Report 2014/15, in advance of its consideration of the full report at its meeting in October 2015, be agreed.

16 Work Programme for the GLA Oversight Committee (Item 16)

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

16.2 The Head of Scrutiny and Investigations suggested re-scheduling the London Pensions Fund Authority (LPFA) item from November to October 2015, in order that the Committee could be consulted on potential changes to the LPFA's functions in a more timely way.

16.3 **Resolved:**

(a) That the work programme for 2015/16, as set out in the report, amended to reflect the change of timing for the discussion with the London Pensions Fund Authority from November to October 2015, be agreed; and

(b) That the terms of reference of the rapporteur investigation into transparency in the GLA Group and wider GLA family, as set out in the report, be agreed.

17 Date of Next Meeting (Item 17)

17.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to be held on Thursday 9 July 2015 at 2.00pm in Committee Room 4.

18 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 18)

18.1 There were no items of urgent business.

19 Close of Meeting

19.1 The meeting finished at 10.25am.

Chair

Date

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