

MINUTES

Meeting: GLA Oversight Committee
Date: Thursday 22 October 2015
Time: 2.00 pm
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Len Duvall AM (Chair)
Tony Arbour AM (Deputy Chairman)
Jennette Arnold OBE AM
Gareth Bacon AM
Darren Johnson AM
Joanne McCartney AM
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Navin Shah AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Boff AM for whom Gareth Bacon AM attended as a substitute Member, and from Roger Evans AM.

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 of the meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee held on 17 September 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 The Chair advised the Committee that a response from the Managing Director – Planning, Transport for London, had been received subsequent to the publication of the agenda and would be reported formally at the Committee's next meeting.

4.3 Resolved:

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

5 Head of Paid Service Oral Update (Item 5)

5.1 There were no issues requiring an oral update from the Head of Paid Service.

6 Mayor's Mentoring Programme Final Report and Evaluation (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Head of Paid Service and Assistant Director of Health and Communities as background to a discussion with the following invited guests:

- Munira Mirza, Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture; and
- Amanda Coyle, Assistant Director of Health and Communities, GLA.

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

6.3 During the course of the discussion, Joanne McCartney AM suggested that the Committee might wish to consider at a later meeting the programmes and initiatives in place to deal with youth violence in London.

6.4 The Committee also requested additional information on the funding, aims and direction of any follow-up early intervention programmes planned.

6.5 On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked the Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture and the Assistant Director of Health and Communities on delivering the Mayor's Mentoring Programme.

6.6 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

7 London Pensions Fund Authority (Item 7)

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to a discussion with the following invited guests:

- Sir Merrick Cockell, Chairman, London Pensions Fund Authority (LPFA);
- Susan Martin, Chief Executive Officer, LPFA; and
- Chris Rule, Chief Investment Officer, LPFA.

7.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 2**.

7.3 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following additional information:

- The advice that had been provided to the LPFA that set out the legal basis for the proposed establishment of the Lancashire and London Pension Partnership;
- Details of the formal consultation undertaken as part of the proposed merger with Lancashire County Pension Fund; and
- An explanation of how the LPFA's conflicts policy would operate in the new proposed arrangement.

7.4 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

8 Garden Bridge Internal Audit Review (Item 8)

8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to a discussion with Clive Walker, Director of Internal Audit, Transport for London (TfL).

8.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 3**.

8.3 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following additional

information:

- A copy of the engagement letter from the former Commissioner to the Managing Director, Planning, that had instigated the audit process, as well as any other related correspondence and details of any agreed terms of reference for the investigation;
- File notes of any meetings held with the the Managing Director, Planning, or his team as part of the audit fieldwork;
- Copies of the legal advice provided in relation to the audit report or procurement exercise;
- Clarification on what conflicts of interest had been declared as part of the procurement exercise, in particular in relation to meetings with the Mayor; and
- Clarification on whether TfL considered the procurements accorded with EU public works directives and public contracts regulations.

8.4 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

9 Assembly Budget Requirement 2016-17 (Item 9)

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

9.2 **Resolved:**

That the London Assembly's draft budget requirement for 2016/17 be agreed for recommendation to the Mayor, subject to any changes that might be necessary prior to the final agreement on the budget in February 2016 to reflect:

- (a) **Any advice from the Executive Director of Resources on contingencies and financial reserves; and**
- (b) **Any changes that emerge during the remainder of the budget process.**

10 Devolution Working Group (Item 10)

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

10.2 **Resolved:**

That the Devolution Working Group's report, *A New Agreement for London*, be agreed.

11 Work Programme for the GLA Oversight Committee (Item 11)

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

11.2 **Resolved:**

That the Committee's work programme for 2015-16 be noted.

12 Date of Next Meeting (Item 12)

12.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to be held on 25 November 2015 at 10am in Committee Room 5, City Hall.

13 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 13)

13.1 There were no items of urgent business.

14 Close of Meeting

14.1 The meeting ended at 4.58pm.

Chair

Date

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