

MINUTES

Meeting: London Assembly (Plenary)
Date: Wednesday 27 January 2016
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Chair)	Jenny Jones AM
Tony Arbour AM (Deputy Chairman)	Stephen Knight AM
Gareth Bacon AM	Kit Malthouse AM MP
Mayor John Biggs AM	Joanne McCartney AM
Kemi Badenoch AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Andrew Boff AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
James Cleverly AM MP	Murad Qureshi AM
Tom Copley AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Andrew Dismore AM	Navin Shah AM
Len Duvall AM	Valerie Shawcross CBE AM
Roger Evans 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 There were no apologies for absence.
- 1.2 The Chair, on behalf of the Assembly, thanked the officers that had been involved in organising the Authority's recent Holocaust Memorial Service. The Mayor added his gratitude and commended the Chair for her role in the Service.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

2.2 Resolved:

That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Draft Consolidated Budget 2016-17 (Item 3)

Report of the Mayor (Item 3a)

- 3.1 The Assembly received an oral statement from the Mayor on his Draft 2016/17 Consolidated Budget for the GLA group proposals and received the Mayor's Draft 2016/17 Consolidated Budget document.
- 3.2 A copy of the Mayor's statement is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Response by the London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee to the Mayor of London's GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2016-17 Consultation Document (Item 3b)

- 3.3 The Chairman of the Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee, Mayor John Biggs AM, presented that Committee's response to the Mayor of London's GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2016/17 Consultation Document.
- 3.4 The Chair of the Assembly advised Members that that subsequent to the publication of the agenda, the Budget and Performance Committee had made a minor correction to its report, namely to replace the final sentence of paragraph 4.6 with the following:

“We heard from TfL that it has taken this on board and is taking a far more hands-on approach with the new contract. It has assumed responsibility for the delivery of some key elements of the programme allowing the new contractor to focus on its core strength – the signalling system.”

- 3.5 A copy of the statement by the Chairman of the Assembly’s Budget and Performance Committee is attached as **Appendix 2**.

- 3.6 **Resolved:**

That the response, as amended, by the London Assembly’s Budget and Performance Committee to the Mayor of London’s GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2016/17 Consultation document be noted.

Questions to the Mayor on his Draft 2016-17 Consolidated Budget Proposals (Item 3c)

- 3.7 Assembly Members put questions to the Mayor on each of the seven component budgets set out within the Draft Consolidated Budget proposals.
- 3.8 Sir Edward Lister, Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor for Planning, and Martin Clarke, Executive Director of Resources, were also in attendance for the duration of the question and answer session.
- 3.9 The record of the questions put by Members, together with the Mayor’s answers, is attached as **Appendix 3**.

4 Consideration by the London Assembly of the Mayor of London's Draft Consolidated Budget proposals 2016-17 (Item 4)

- 4.1 At 12.25pm, the Chair adjourned the meeting until 1.25pm. The meeting reconvened at 1.25pm in order to debate the budget proposals.
- 4.2 The substantive motion before the Assembly was: “To approve the Draft Consolidated Budget for 2016/17, together with the draft component budgets comprised within it, with or without amendment.”
- 4.3 A formal budget amendment was moved by Gareth Bacon AM and seconded by Kemi Badenoch AM (and is attached as **Appendix 4**).
- 4.4 A formal budget amendment was moved by Stephen Knight AM and seconded by Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (and is attached as **Appendix 5**).

- 4.5 A formal budget amendment, was moved by Darren Johnson AM and seconded by Jenny Jones AM (and is attached as **Appendix 6**).
- 4.6 A budget related motion was moved by Valerie Shawcross CBE AM and seconded by Mayor John Biggs AM (and is attached as **Appendix 7**).
- 4.7 The Assembly then turned to debate of the Mayor's Draft Consolidated Budget 2015/16 and the three formal budget amendments.
- 4.8 Following the debate and upon being put to the vote:

The formal budget amendment proposed by Gareth Bacon AM was declared lost (with 9 votes being cast in favour and 15 votes being cast against).

The formal budget amendment proposed by Stephen Knight AM was declared lost (with 2 votes being cast in favour and 22 votes being cast against).

The formal budget amendment proposed by Darren Johnson AM was declared lost (with 2 votes being cast in favour and 22 votes being cast against).

The budget related motion in the name of Valerie Shawcross CBE AM (as attached at Appendix 7) was declared lost (with 11 votes cast in favour and 13 votes cast against).

- 4.9 The Chair explained that, as no amendments to the Budget had been agreed by the requisite majority, in accordance with Paragraph 8(5) of Schedule 6 to the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), the Assembly was deemed to have approved, without amendment, the Draft Consolidated Budget for 2016/17.
- 4.10 The Chair announced that this concluded the Assembly's consideration of the Draft Consolidated Budget for 2016/17.

5 Date of Next Meeting (Item 5)

- 5.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting due to take place at 10am on Wednesday 10 February 2016 in the Chamber, City Hall principally to put questions to the Mayor of London, in his capacity as Chairman of Transport for London, and Mike Brown, Commissioner, Transport for London, on the work and policies of TfL; and, separately, to put questions to Sir Edward Lister, Deputy Mayor for Planning, on minor alterations to the London Plan and formally to consider those alterations.

6 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 6)

6.1 There were no items of urgent business.

7 Close of Meeting

7.1 The meeting finished at 2.50pm.

Chair

Date

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