

# MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly  
(Mayor's Question Time)**  
**Date: Wednesday 21 October 2015**  
**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	Joanne McCartney AM
Mayor John Biggs AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Kemi Badenoch 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 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Andrew Boff AM and Kit Matlhouse AM MP.
- 1.2 During the course of the meeting, the Chair welcomed to the public gallery a group of civil servants visiting from Hong Kong and students from Westminster Kingsway College, Ilford County High School and Manorside Primary School in Barnet.
- 1.3 The Chair placed on record the Assembly's condolences to Assembly Member Dr Sahota on the recent death of his father and to the family of Iltyd Harrington, former Chair of the Greater London Corporation, who had recently died.
- 1.4 Len Duvall AM made a short statement in relation to events which had taken place at the 16 September London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting. Len Duvall AM referred to the disruption which had occurred at the meeting and in City Hall and to the unacceptable behaviour of a minority of the protestors. Relevant staff were thanked and it was also suggested that, during robust discussions, elected Members needed to be mindful that their actions and words could sometimes exacerbate tensions. The Mayor commented that violence must never be allowed to have a chilling effect upon democratic debate.

## **2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)**

- 2.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 2.2 **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.**
  - (b) **That Kemi Badenoch AM's declaration of a non-pecuniary interest arising from her position as a Board Member of Triangle Housing Association, insofar as that related to Agenda Item 5 (Questions to the Mayor), be additionally noted.**

## **3 Minutes (Item 3)**

- 3.1 **Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the London Assembly meetings held on 8 September 2015 (Plenary) and 16 September 2015 (Mayor's Question Time and Extraordinary Plenary) be signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

## **4 Mayor's Report (Item 4)**

### **4.1 Resolved:**

**That the Mayor's Report covering the period from 3 September to 7 October 2015 be noted.**

- 4.2 In accordance with Standing Order 5.4A, the Mayor gave an oral update on matters occurring since the publication of his report. The record of the oral update is attached at Appendix 1.

## **5 Questions to the Mayor (Item 5)**

- 5.1 The record of the discussion with the Mayor, including oral answers given by the Mayor to Members' questions, is attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 5.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting are attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 5.3 During the course of supplementary questions to question number 2015/3314 on Voter Registration, Assembly Members raised a number of queries which properly fell within the remit of the Greater London Returning Officer rather than that of the Mayor. The Chair suggested that these be raised with the GLRO via Group Leaders in the appropriate forum, outside of the meeting.
- 5.4 During the course of the question and answer session, the Chair proposed, and it was agreed, that Standing Order 2.9B be suspended to extend the meeting in order to allow the remaining questions on the priority order paper to be put to the Mayor and for the remaining items of business on the agenda to be considered.
- 5.5 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Assembly agreed the motion set out on the agenda in the name of the Chair, namely:

**"That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked".**

## **6 Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)**

- 6.1 It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting which would take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 4 November 2015 in the Chamber, City Hall.

## **7 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 7)**

7.1 There was no urgent business requiring consideration.

## **8 Close of Meeting**

8.1 The meeting closed at 1.47pm.

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Chair

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