

MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**
Date: Wednesday 16 December 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	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 During the course of the meeting, the Chair welcomed to the public gallery: students from News Associates Journalism School; a group of civil servants visiting from the Republic of Korea; and students from West Thames College in Hounslow.

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 Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Mayor's Question Time meeting held on 18 November 2015 and the Plenary meeting held on 2 December 2015 be signed by the Chair as correct records.

4 Mayor's Report (Item 4)

4.1 Resolved:

That the Mayor's Report covering the period from 5 November to 2 December 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**.

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- 5.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 5.3 During the course of the question and answer session, at 11.10am, the Deputy Chairman assumed the Chair. The Chair resumed the Chair at 11.17am. At 12.30pm, 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.
- 5.4 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 Future Meetings of the Assembly (Item 6)

6.1 **Resolved:**

That it be agreed to accept written answers to all questions submitted to the 22 February 2016 MQT meeting under the Mayor's Question Time procedure, in order to devote time to discussion of the Mayor's Final Draft Consolidated Budget 2016/17.

7 Proposed Delegation of Authority to the Chair of the Assembly (Item 7)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

That, in relation to urgent matters only, a general delegation of authority in respect of the Assembly's powers and functions (apart from those that cannot under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 be delegated) be given to the Chair of the Assembly, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman, party Group Leaders and relevant Committee Chairs, from the close of the meeting until the next meeting of the Assembly, which will be the Mayor's Question Time meeting on 20 January 2016.

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

- 8.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly would be the Mayor's Question Time meeting which will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 20 January 2016 in the Chamber, City Hall.

9 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 9)

9.1 There was no urgent business.

10 Close of Meeting

10.1 The meeting closed at 12.57pm.

Chair

Date

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