

MINUTES

Meeting: London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time)

Date: Wednesday 20 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

Kemi Badenoch AM

Joanne McCartney AM

Andrew Boff AM

Steve O'Connell AM

James Cleverly AM MP

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

Tom Copley AM

Murad Qureshi AM

Andrew Dismore AM

Dr Onkar Sahota AM

Len Duvall AM

Navin Shah AM

Roger Evans AM

Valerie Shawcross CBE AM

Nicky Gavron AM

Richard Tracey AM

Darren Johnson AM

Fiona Twycross AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Gareth Bacon AM, Mayor John Biggs AM and Kit Malthouse AM.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed to the public gallery students from the *Universidad Europea*.
- 1.3 The Chair placed on record the Assembly's congratulations to those who received Honours in the Queen's New Year's Honours list, in particular those Londoners and Functional Body colleagues who had received Honours. She also placed on record the Assembly's congratulations to Richard Tracey AM's wife, Councillor Kathy Taylor, who had been appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to local government.
- 1.4 The Chair additionally placed on record the Assembly's condolences to the families of musician David Bowie and actor Alan Rickman, noting that both had been Londoners.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Assembly resolved 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 London Assembly Mayor's Question Time meeting held on 16 December 2015 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 December 2015 to 6 January 2016 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 is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 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 Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)

- 6.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary (Draft Budget) meeting which will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 27 January 2016 in the Chamber, City Hall.

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

- 7.1 The Chair explained that, in accordance with section 100(B)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, she had agreed to introduce an item of business to the agenda regarding future Assembly meetings, in order to seek formal approval from the Assembly to two matters at the earliest opportunity.

Future Assembly Meetings

- 7.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the Assembly Plenary meeting on 10 February 2016 additionally be used to consider Minor Alterations to the London Plan, which it is anticipated will be formally submitted to the Assembly at the end of January 2016; and**
- (b) That the start time of the London Assembly Mayor's Question Time (Final Draft Budget) meeting on 22 February 2016 be amended to 9am.**

8 Close of Meeting

8.1 The meeting closed at 12.56pm.

Chair

Date

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