

AGENDA

Meeting	London Assembly (Extraordinary Plenary)
Date	Wednesday 16 September 2015
Time	At the rising of the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) Meeting
Place	Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Jennette Arnold OBE AM
Chair of the London Assembly

Tony Arbour AM
Deputy Chairman
Tuesday 15 September 2015

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**Agenda
London Assembly (Plenary)
Wednesday 16 September 2015**

1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements

To receive any apologies for absence and any announcements from the Chair.

2 Declarations of Interests (Pages 1 - 4)

Report of the Executive Director of Secretariat

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The Assembly is recommended to:

- (a) Note the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, as disclosable pecuniary interests;**
- (b) Note the declaration by any Member(s) of any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and the necessary action taken by the Member(s) regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s); and**
- (c) Note the declaration by any Member(s) of any other interests deemed to be relevant (including any interests arising from gifts and hospitality received which are not at the time of the meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality, and noting also the advice from the GLA's Monitoring Officer set out at Agenda Item 2) and to note any necessary action taken by the Member(s) following such declaration(s).**

3 Changes to Membership of Committees (Pages 5 - 6)

Report of the Executive Director of Secretariat

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The Assembly is recommended:

- (a) Further to nominations received from the GLA Conservatives Group, to appoint Kemi Badenoch AM as a member of the Police and Crime Committee and Transport Committee; and**
- (b) To appoint Kemi Badenoch AM as a substitute member of all other London Assembly Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels.**

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Subject: Declarations of Interests

Report to: London Assembly (Extraordinary Plenary)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 16 September 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out details of offices held by Assembly Members for noting as disclosable pecuniary interests and requires additional relevant declarations relating to disclosable pecuniary interests, and gifts and hospitality to be made.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table below, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests¹;**
- 2.2 **That the declaration by any Member(s) of any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and the necessary action taken by the Member(s) regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s) be noted; and**
- 2.3 **That the declaration by any Member(s) of any other interests deemed to be relevant (including any interests arising from gifts and hospitality received which are not at the time of the meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality, and noting also the advice from the GLA's Monitoring Officer set out at below) and any necessary action taken by the Member(s) following such declaration(s) be noted.**

3. Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 Relevant offices held by Assembly Members are listed in the table overleaf:

¹ The Monitoring Officer advises that: Paragraph 10 of the Code of Conduct will only preclude a Member from participating in any matter to be considered or being considered at, for example, a meeting of the Assembly, where the Member has a direct Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in that particular matter. The effect of this is that the 'matter to be considered, or being considered' must be about the Member's interest. So, by way of example, if an Assembly Member is also a councillor of London Borough X, that Assembly Member will be precluded from participating in an Assembly meeting where the Assembly is to consider a matter about the Member's role / employment as a councillor of London Borough X; the Member will not be precluded from participating in a meeting where the Assembly is to consider a matter about an activity or decision of London Borough X.

Member	Interest
Tony Arbour AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Richmond
Jennette Arnold OBE AM	Committee of the Regions
Gareth Bacon AM	Chairman of LFEPA; Chairman of the London Local Resilience Forum; Member, LB Bexley
Kemi Badenoch AM	
Mayor John Biggs AM	Mayor of Tower Hamlets (LB); Member, LLDC Board
Andrew Boff AM	Member, LFEPA; Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe)
James Cleverly AM MP	Member of Parliament
Tom Copley AM	Member, LFEPA
Andrew Dismore AM	Member, LFEPA
Len Duvall AM	
Roger Evans AM	Deputy Mayor; Committee of the Regions; Trust for London (Trustee)
Nicky Gavron AM	
Darren Johnson AM	Member, LFEPA
Jenny Jones AM	Member, House of Lords
Stephen Knight AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Richmond
Kit Malthouse AM MP	Member of Parliament
Joanne McCartney AM	
Steve O'Connell AM	Member, LB Croydon; MOPAC Non-Executive Adviser for Neighbourhoods
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM	
Murad Qureshi AM	Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe)
Dr Onkar Sahota AM	
Navin Shah AM	
Valerie Shawcross CBE AM	
Richard Tracey AM	Chairman of the London Waste and Recycling Board; Mayor's Ambassador for River Transport
Fiona Twycross AM	Member, LFEPA

[Note: LB - London Borough; LFEPA - London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority; LLDC – London Legacy Development Corporation; MOPAC – Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime]

3.2 Paragraph 10 of the GLA's Code of Conduct, which reflects the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011, provides that:

- where an Assembly Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered or being considered or at
 - (i) a meeting of the Assembly and any of its committees or sub-committees; or
 - (ii) any formal meeting held by the Mayor in connection with the exercise of the Authority's functions
- they must disclose that interest to the meeting (or, if it is a sensitive interest, disclose the fact that they have a sensitive interest to the meeting); and
- must not (i) participate, or participate any further, in any discussion of the matter at the meeting; or (ii) participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on the matter at the meeting

UNLESS

- they have obtained a dispensation from the GLA's Monitoring Officer (in accordance with section 2 of the Procedure for registration and declarations of interests, gifts and hospitality – Appendix 5 to the Code).

- 3.3 Failure to comply with the above requirements, without reasonable excuse, is a criminal offence; as is knowingly or recklessly providing information about your interests that is false or misleading.
- 3.4 In addition, the Monitoring Officer has advised Assembly Members to continue to apply the test that was previously applied to help determine whether a pecuniary / prejudicial interest was arising – namely, that Members rely on a reasonable estimation of whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, could, with justification, regard the matter as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.
- 3.5 Members should then exercise their judgement as to whether or not, in view of their interests and the interests of others close to them, they should participate in any given discussions and/or decisions business of within and by the GLA. It remains the responsibility of individual Members to make further declarations about their actual or apparent interests at formal meetings noting also that a Member's failure to disclose relevant interest(s) has become a potential criminal offence.
- 3.6 Members are also required, where considering a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom they have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25 within the previous three years or from the date of election to the London Assembly, whichever is the later, to disclose the existence and nature of that interest at any meeting of the Authority which they attend at which that business is considered.
- 3.7 The obligation to declare any gift or hospitality at a meeting is discharged, subject to the proviso set out below, by registering gifts and hospitality received on the Authority's on-line database. The on-line database may be viewed here:
<http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/gifts-and-hospitality>.
- 3.8 If any gift or hospitality received by a Member is not set out on the on-line database at the time of the meeting, and under consideration is a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom a Member has received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25, Members are asked to disclose these at the meeting, either at the declarations of interest agenda item or when the interest becomes apparent.
- 3.9 It is for Members to decide, in light of the particular circumstances, whether their receipt of a gift or hospitality, could, on a reasonable estimation of a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, with justification, be regarded as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest. Where receipt of a gift or hospitality could be so regarded, the Member must exercise their judgement as to whether or not, they should participate in any given discussions and/or decisions business of within and by the GLA.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The legal implications are as set out in the body of this report.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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List of Background Papers: None

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Subject: Changes to Membership of Committees

Report to: London Assembly (Extraordinary Plenary)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 16 September 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Assembly is asked to approve changes to the membership of the Police and Crime Committee and Transport Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That, further to nominations received from the GLA Conservatives Group, Kemi Badenoch AM be appointed as a member of the Police and Crime Committee and Transport Committee; and**
- 2.2 **That Kemi Badenoch AM be appointed as a substitute member of all other London Assembly Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels.**

3. Background

- 3.1 At its Annual Meeting on 13 May 2015, the London Assembly established and appointed Members to its committees.
- 3.2 Victoria Borwick AM MP has now formally given notice of her intention to resign as an Assembly Member at the close of the 16 September 2015 London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting and, following that, it is anticipated that Kemi Badenoch will be declared an Assembly Member, filling that vacancy. Further to that change, the GLA Conservatives Group has notified the Secretariat of changes to the membership of the Police and Crime Committee and Transport Committee.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The Assembly is recommended to appoint Kemi Badenoch AM as a member of the Police and Crime Committee and Transport Committee.

- 4.2 The Assembly is also recommended to appoint Kemi Badenoch AM as a substitute member of all other London Assembly Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 Section 54(1) GLA Act 1999 (as amended) ("GLA Act") enables the Assembly to arrange for any of its functions to be discharged by a committee or sub-committee of the Assembly or by a single member of the Assembly. Committees, sub-committees and advisory committees are appointed under s55 GLA Act.
- 5.2 The Assembly agreed its committee structure for the current year at its Annual Meeting on 14 May 2014 and appointed Members to the bodies established at that meeting..
- 5.3 Standing Order 8.1(vacancy) states that "If a casual vacancy arises [in the membership of a committee] the Assembly (only) shall approve arrangements for filling the vacancy at its next meeting." Standing Order 8.6 states that the Assembly must agree (and may subsequently vary) a standing list of names Substitute Members for each committee.
- 5.4 In accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Assembly must appoint Members to committees in accordance with the wishes of the party Group to which the relevant seats have been allocated and must act in accordance with the wishes of that Group in determining whether and when to terminate those appointments.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None

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