

MINUTES

Meeting: London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time)
Date: Monday 20 February 2017
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Tony Arbour AM (Chairman)	Nicky Gavron AM
Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Deputy Chair)	Florence Eshalomi AM
Gareth Bacon AM	David Kurten AM
Kemi Badenoch AM	Joanne McCartney AM
Shaun Bailey AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Sian Berry AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Andrew Boff AM	Keith Prince AM
Leonie Cooper AM	Caroline Russell AM
Tom Copley AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Unmesh Desai AM	Navin Shah AM
Tony Devenish AM	Fiona Twycross AM
Andrew Dismore AM	Peter Whittle AM
Len Duvall AM	

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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 from the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting held on 25 January 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 Final Draft Consolidated Budget 2017/18 (Item 4)

Report of the Mayor (Item 4a)

- 4.1 The Assembly received the Mayor's Final Draft Consolidated Budget 2017/18 for the GLA Group.
- 4.2 The Assembly then received an oral statement from the Mayor on the Budget. A transcript of the Mayor's oral statement is attached as **Appendix 1**.

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- 4.3 David Bellamy, Chief of Staff, and Martin Clarke, Executive Director of Resources, were also in attendance for the statement and for the duration of the question and answer session.

Questions to the Mayor (Item 4b)

- 4.4 Assembly Members put questions to the Mayor on his Draft Consolidated Budget. The transcript of the questions put by Members and the Mayor's answers is attached as **Appendix 2**.

Consideration by the Assembly of the Mayor of London's Final Draft Consolidated Budget Proposals 2017/18 (Item 4c)

- 4.5 Following the Mayor's departure, the Assembly debated the Mayor's Final Draft Consolidated Budget 2017/18.
- 4.6 The substantive motion before the Assembly was: "To approve the Final Draft Consolidated Budget for 2017/18 with or without amendment."
- 4.7 A formal Budget Amendment, presented on behalf of the London Assembly's GLA Conservative Group, was moved by Gareth Bacon AM and seconded by Andrew Boff AM (and is attached as **Appendix 3**).
- 4.8 A formal Budget Amendment, presented on behalf of the London Assembly's Green Party Group, was moved by Sian Berry AM and seconded by Caroline Russell AM (and is attached as **Appendix 4**).
- 4.9 In accordance with Standing Order 6.6E(1), a named vote was taken on each Budget Amendment, in the order in which they were moved.
- 4.10 The votes in relation to the Budget Amendment in the name of Gareth Bacon AM were cast as follows:

For the amendment: Gareth Bacon AM, Kemi Badenoch AM, Shaun Bailey AM, Andrew Boff AM, Tony Devenish AM, Steve O'Connell AM, Keith Prince AM, and Tony Arbour AM (Chairman).

Against the Amendment: Sian Berry AM, Leonie Cooper AM, Tom Copley AM, Unmesh Desai AM, Andrew Dismore AM, Len Duvall AM, Florence Eshalomi AM, Nicky Gavron AM, Joanne McCartney AM, Caroline Pidgeon AM, Caroline Russell AM, Dr Onkar Sahota AM, Navin Shah AM, Dr Fiona Twycross AM and Jennette Arnold AM (Deputy Chair).

Abstentions: David Kurten AM and Peter Whittle AM.

- 4.11 With 8 votes being cast in favour and 15 votes being cast against, the Budget Amendment did not receive the requisite two-thirds majority to amend the Mayor's budget proposals.

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4.12 The votes in relation to the Budget Amendment in the name of Sian Berry AM were cast as follows:

For the amendment: Sian Berry AM and Caroline Russell AM.

Against the Amendment:; Gareth Bacon AM, Kemi Badenoch AM, Shaun Bailey AM, Andrew Boff AM, Leonie Cooper AM, Tom Copley AM, Unmesh Desai AM, Tony Devenish AM, Andrew Dismore AM, Len Duvall AM, Florence Eshalomi AM, Nicky Gavron AM, David Kurten AM, Joanne McCartney AM, Steve O'Connell AM, Caroline Pidgeon AM, Keith Prince AM, Dr Onkar Sahota AM, Navin Shah AM, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, Peter Whittle AM, Jennette Arnold AM (Deputy Chair) and Tony Arbour AM (Chairman).

4.13 With 2 votes being cast in favour and 23 votes being cast against, the Budget Amendment did not receive the requisite two-thirds majority to amend the Mayor's budget proposals.

4.14 Unmesh Desai AM moved and Caroline Pidgeon AM seconded a Budget Related Motion (attached as **Appendix 5**).

4.15 Upon being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

4.16 Sian Berry AM moved and Tom Copley AM seconded a Budget Related Motion (attached as **Appendix 6**).

4.17 Upon being put to the vote, the motion was carried (23 votes cast in favour and 0 votes cast against).

4.18 The Chairman then formally put the substantive motion, namely:

'To approve the Final Draft Consolidated Budget 2017/18 without amendment'

4.19 Upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion was declared lost (with 12 votes being cast in favour and 13 votes being cast against).

4.20 The Chairman explained that, although the substantive motion had not been agreed, as no amendments to the Budget had been agreed by the requisite majority, and 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 Final Draft Consolidated Budget for 2017/18.

4.21 The Chairman confirmed that the Assembly had concluded its consideration of the Final Draft Consolidated Budget for 2017/18.

5 Mayor's Report (Item 5)

5.1 **Resolved:**

That the Mayor's Report covering the period from 5 January to 6 February 2017 be noted.

6 Questions to the Mayor (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

That it be noted that written answers to all questions submitted to this meeting under the Mayor's Question Time procedure will be provided on 23 February 2017.

7 Future Plenary Meeting (Item 7)

7.1 Resolved:

That the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting be used to hold a question and answer session with the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC).

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

8.1 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 8 March 2017 in the Chamber, City Hall.

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

9.1 There were no items of urgent business.

10 Close of Meeting (Item)

10.1 The meeting finished at 12.25pm

Chairman

Date

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