

AGENDA

Meeting **London Assembly (Plenary)**

Date **Wednesday 2 November 2016**

Time **10.00 am**

Place **Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Tony Arbour AM
Chairman of the London Assembly

Jennette Arnold OBE AM
Deputy Chair
Tuesday 25 October 2016

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**Agenda
London Assembly (Plenary)
Wednesday 2 November 2016**

1 Apologies for Absence and Chairman's Announcements

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

2 Declarations of Interests (Pages 1 - 4)

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 Question and Answer Session - London & Partners (Pages 5 - 8)

Part A:

The Assembly will put questions to Rajesh Agrawal, Deputy Mayor of Business and Chair, London & Partners, and Andrew Cooke, Acting Chief Executive, London & Partners.

Part B:

Motion submitted in the name of the Chairman:

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

4 Petitions (Pages 9 - 12)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

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The Assembly is recommended to note the petitions listed in the report and to decide whether to refer the petitions, and if so where to, and to seek a response to the points raised.

5 Motions (Pages 13 - 18)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

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The Assembly is asked to consider the motions submitted by Assembly Members.

6 Future Plenary Meeting

London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting – 7 December 2016

It is proposed that the Assembly uses the Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 7 December 2016 principally to hold question and answer sessions with Gavin Barwell MP, Minister of State for Housing, Planning and Minister for London and James Murray, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development.

Recommendation:

The Assembly is recommended to agree to use the 7 December 2016 meeting principally to hold question and answer sessions with Gavin Barwell MP, Minister of State for Housing, Planning and Minister for London, and James Murray, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development.

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly will be the Mayor's Question Time meeting which will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 16 November 2016 in the Chamber, City Hall.

8 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent

Subject: Declarations of Interests

Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 2 November 2016

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	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Bexley
Kemi Badenoch AM	
Shaun Bailey AM	
Sian Berry AM	Member, LB Camden
Andrew Boff AM	Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe)
Leonie Cooper AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Wandsworth
Tom Copley AM	
Unmesh Desai AM	Member, LB Newham
Tony Devenish AM	Member, City of Westminster
Andrew Dismore AM	Member, LFEPA
Len Duvall AM	
Florence Eshalomi AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Lambeth
Nicky Gavron AM	
David Kurten AM	Member, LFEPA
Joanne McCartney AM	Deputy Mayor
Steve O'Connell AM	Member, LB Croydon
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM	
Keith Prince AM	Member, LB Redbridge
Caroline Russell AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Islington
Dr Onkar Sahota AM	
Navin Shah AM	
Fiona Twycross AM	Chair, LFEPA; Chair of the London Local Resilience Forum
Peter Whittle AM	

[Note: LB - London Borough; LFEPA - London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority. The appointments to LFEPA reflected above take effect as from 17 June 2016.]

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.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985	
List of Background Papers: None	
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London Assembly (Plenary), 2 November 2016**PRIORITY ORDER PAPER****Report No: 4****Subject: Questions and Answer Session –London and Partners****Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat****Effectiveness of London & Partners****Question No: 2016/4029**[Shaun Bailey](#)

How do you measure the effectiveness of London & Partners?

Brexit**Question No: 2016/4031**[Fiona Twycross](#)

What is London and Partner's assessment of the impact that leaving the European Union will have on London?

Assessing Business Model following Brexit**Question No: 2016/4050**[David Kurten](#)

With the Brexit vote now allowing the UK to open up full free trade links with 93% of the world's population living outside the EU, how will London & Partners reassess their business model to take full advantage of these new opportunities including reengaging with our friends in the Commonwealth?

London and Partners promotional activities**Question No: 2016/4030**[Caroline Russell](#)

How can London and Partners do more to promote and support small businesses and grassroots culture in London?

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

It is requested that questions not asked during Plenary receive a written response by Monday, 7 November 2016.

Non EU students

Question No: 2016/4032

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What impact do you consider Brexit will have on attracting non- EU international students to London universities?

LFB Trading company

Question No: 2016/4033

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What have you done to support the London Fire Brigade's trading company in its efforts to attract business overseas?

Tourism from Israel

Question No: 2016/4034

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What have you done to support tourism from Israel to London?

Hi Tech business links with Israel

Question No: 2016/4035

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What have you done to support high-tech business links between London and Israel, and what plans have you to develop this further?

Tourism from China

Question No: 2016/4036

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What have you done to support tourism from China to London?

Business links to China

Question No: 2016/4037

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What have you done to support business s links between London and China, and what plans have you to develop this further?

Tourism from India

Question No: 2016/4038

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What have you done to support tourism from India to London?

Business links to India

Question No: 2016/4039

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What have you done to support business links between London and India, and what plans have you to develop this further?

Homan rights and business links

Question No: 2016/4040

[Andrew Dismore](#)

To what extent do human rights considerations inform your decisions on where in the world to develop business links with London?

Barriers to attracting business to London

Question No: 2016/4041

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What barriers do you experience in attracting business to London?

Barriers to attracting tourism to London

Question No: 2016/4042

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What barriers do you experience in attracting tourism to London?

International conferences

Question No: 2016/4043

[Andrew Dismore](#)

For each of the last three years, please list the international conferences that London and Partners has attracted to London?

Contribution of EU and other international students

Question No: 2016/4044

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What economic contribution do a) EU and b) other international students make to London's economy?

Contribution of EU and other international workers

Question No: 2016/4045

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What economic contribution do a) EU and b) other international workers make to London's economy?

International headquarters

Question No: 2016/4046

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What economic contribution do international company headquarters make to London's economy?

Financial services

Question No: 2016/4047

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What would the impact of ending EU 'passporting' have on London's financial services industry's ability to sell itself abroad?

Legal services

Question No: 2016/4048

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What would the impact of Brexit have on London's legal services industry's ability to sell itself abroad?

Transparency of London and Partners

Question No: 2016/4049

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please state what are London and Partners policies on transparency and in particular its policies towards:

- (1) Publishing a register of gifts, expenses and hospitality for all board members and senior staff
- (2) Proactively disclosing information and responding to requests for information as if they were covered by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- (3) Providing details of senior employee pay and remuneration

Subject: Petitions

Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 2 November 2016

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out details of a petition to be presented at this meeting by an Assembly Member.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly receives and notes the petitions listed at section 4 of this report and decides whether to refer the petitions, and if so where to, and seeks a response to the points raised.**

3. Background

- 3.1 Standing Orders 3.20 to 3.21 make provision for the presentation of petitions by an Assembly Member at an ordinary meeting of the Assembly.

A petition to be presented must:

- (a) Be addressed to the Mayor, the Assembly, a Functional Body (as the case may be);
- (b) Clearly indicate the name, address and contact telephone number of the person organising the petition, or where the petition was organised on the internet, its data controller;
- (c) Be presented in the form of printed sheets, each of which includes the “prayer” of the petition (the “prayer” is the formal request or other subject matter of the petition) or, if the petition was organised on the internet, clearly demonstrate that internet users who subscribed to the petition knew what the prayer was;
- (d) Include each petitioner’s name (which may be printed or be in the form of a signature, provided that the signature is legible) and address (sufficient that the person and their address can be identified) or, where the petition was organised on the internet, their names and email addresses;
- (e) Indicate the total number of manual or electronic signatories to the petition.

(f) Young people aged 17 or under signing a petition may give their address as that of the school, or other recognised youth group or similar organisation that they attend (with details of their class name where appropriate), provided that the lead petitioner is a teacher at or leader of that school or youth group or similar organisation.

(g) Indicate the total number of manual or electronic signatories to the petition; and

(h) Refer to matters within the responsibilities of the Mayor, the London Assembly or the functional bodies, or to matters of importance to Londoners, including those who visit, live or work in Greater London.

- 3.2 Notice of the intention to present a petition at an Assembly meeting and a copy of the petition must be given to the Executive Director of the Secretariat by no later than 12 noon six clear working days before that meeting.
- 3.3 Under Standing Orders the Member presenting the petition will read out the prayer of the petition (but not the signatories). The Assembly will not debate the petition. If the Assembly agrees without debate, the petition will be forwarded to the Mayor, Functional Body, relevant committee or other organisation with a request for a response to the points made by the petitioner. The response received will be reported to the Assembly for information and forwarded to the petition's organiser. The prayer of the petition and the response received will be published in the appropriate Assembly Minutes.

4. Petition to be presented

- 4.1 Notice of the following petitions have been received:
- 4.2 A petition, received by **Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM**, is to be presented to the London Assembly, in accordance with Standing Orders 3.20 to 3.21, saying:

"We the undersigned call on TfL and the London Mayor to improve the capacity of the H14 bus route – Hatch End to Northwick Park Hospital – by changing the service specification from single decker to double decker buses. There is considerable over-crowding on the service at peak hours already, and there will be a consequential increase in passenger numbers once the construction of the large housing estate on the former Kodak sports ground is completed in the next 12 months"

The petition has 156 signatories.

The contact person for this petition is: Sanjay Karia, 143 Long Elmes, Harrow Weald, Middlesex, HA3 5LB.

- 4.3 A petition, received by **Tom Copley AM**, is to be presented to the London Assembly, in accordance with Standing orders 3.20 to 3.21, saying:

“We the undersigned call on TfL and the Mayor of London to re-instate the rush-hour Central Line services on ‘the Hainault Loop’ which were axed with effect from Monday 8 August 2016.

The effect of these cuts has been to leave hundreds of passengers who commute to work from Roding Valley, Grange Hill, and Chigwell tube stations with a service which is not fit for purpose. For instance, passengers who miss the 7.21am service (timed at Roding Valley) now have to wait over 45 minutes until 8.09am for the next through-train to London. This is because, without any consultation with local people or councillors, TfL halved the number of tube trains (from 6 trains to 3) running through these 3 stations during the key period of 7.30 – 8.30am. This unwarranted attack comes at a time when passenger usage of this section of the Central Line has increased by over 20% - surely more passengers should mean more trains, not a 50% cut in our rush hour service!

We call also on the Mayor of London to fulfil his commitment to represent all those who live and / or work in London. What message does it send to working people for the Mayor to preside over drastic cuts to our transport system when most service users, particularly at the affected times, are simply trying to get to work to provide for their families and to contribute to London life, whether by working in essential public services, or helping enrich London’s economy if they work in the private sector? Having publicly stated that #LondonIsOpen, the Mayor needs to support working people, like us, who help make that a reality.”

The petition has 1,535 signatories.

The contact person for this petition is: Caroline Milton, 60 Chestnut Avenue, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, IG9 6EP.

- 4.4 A petition, received by **Andrew Dismore AM**, is to be presented to the London Assembly, in accordance with Standing orders 3.20 to 3.21, saying:

“We the undersigned call on TfL to reconsider its plans to rename the 82 bus the ‘13’ and remove the 13 bus route, thereby reducing the frequency of buses along the Finchley Road.”

The petition has 1,724 signatories.

[Note: This petition is associated with an e-petition hosted by www.change.org which sets out a further 146 signatures.]

The contact person for this petition is: Tara Aleck, 36 Taylor Court, Dorman Way, NW8 0SB.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 By virtue of sections 59, 34 and 53 of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), the Assembly has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

- 5.2 Under Standing Order 3.20 the petitions presented to the Assembly, together with the pages containing the names and addresses of the signatories to the petition, are documents to which the access to information rules from sections 100A - H and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 apply.
- 5.3 Any applications from Members to see the names and addresses of the signatories to the petition will be considered by the Executive Director of the Secretariat on a case by case basis and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Data Protection Act 1988.

6. Financial Implications

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

List of appendices to this report: None.

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List of Background Papers: None.
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Subject: Motions

Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 2 November 2016

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Assembly is asked to consider the motions set out which have been submitted by Assembly Members.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly considers the motions submitted by Assembly Members as set out below.**

3. Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Caroline Russell AM** and will be seconded by Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:

“The Assembly notes that whilst same-sex couples are able to form a civil partnership, different-sex couples cannot.

The Assembly acknowledges that approximately one in five households in London consist of a cohabiting different-sex couple.

The Assembly believes that the current legal situation which prevents different-sex couples from forming a civil partnership is unfair and prevents these couples from being able to get legal recognition for their relationship in a way that matches their values.

The Assembly recognises that City Hall has often been at the forefront of efforts to extend rights and liberties: in 2000 it introduced the first ever registration scheme for same-sex couples.

The Assembly calls on the Mayor to support the equal civil partnerships campaign and urges him to make representations to the government for a change in the law if the Court of Appeal rejects Rebecca Steinfeld and Charles Keidan’s appeal against the High Court’s decision to reject their application to form a civil partnership.”

- 3.2 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Sian Berry AM** and will be seconded by Tom Copley AM:

“London has over two million citizens in private rented accommodation. Shelter estimates private renting will grow to 41 per cent of all households by 2025 – becoming bigger than the owner occupied sector in London for the first time since the mid-1960s.¹

However, conditions in these homes are not provided at a consistently high standard by landlords, and those moving home are required to pay considerable fees and do not always get a high standard of service from letting agents.

Current regulation of the sector, including licensing of landlords in certain areas and enforcement of letting agent and landlord conduct, is the responsibility of borough councils who do not have the resources to ensure a consistent level of quality and service to renters.

Extensive devolved powers have been given to the Welsh and Scottish Governments to improve standards within the private rented sector, with benefits for landlords in terms of training, as well as for renters in – for example – not being required to cover letting agent fees in Scotland. London would benefit from being able to apply consistent standards such as these at a strategic London level.

This Assembly notes the Mayor’s current efforts to seek greater devolved powers from Government to improve the private rented sector in London. We believe, however, that these current negotiations may not go far enough in securing the powers London needs to resolve the problems in the private rented sector.

This Assembly therefore resolves to ask the Mayor to continue to press the Government for the devolution of more powers over the private sector in London, and to ask his team to meet with their counterparts in Wales and Scotland to learn about the benefits of new powers there as they come into force.”

- 3.3 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Steve O’Connell AM** and will be seconded by Leonie Cooper AM:

“The Assembly notes that the Dangerous Dogs Act (1991) is 25 years old this year. It is noted that the Metropolitan Police will destroy around 300 dogs that have been seized by its officers this year. The Status Dog Unit, a special team of police officers only dealing with dangerous dogs, has seen a 7% increase in seizures in 2016.

The Act’s aim, to use Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) (as applied through s1) to prohibit certain types of dog has not reduced dog bite incidents or the number of prohibited types of dog. The Assembly accepts that BSL has not had a positive impact on improving human safety or protecting dog welfare.

¹ Shelter’s estimate was given in evidence to the Housing Committee:
<https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Rent%20Reforms%20-%20Making%20the%20Private%20Rented%20Sector%20Fit%20for%20Purpose%20Final.pdf>

The Assembly notes that other authorities have started to review and overturn BSL such as the Netherlands, Italy, Lower Saxony and Victoria, Australia and have identified other ways of reducing dog bite incidents.

The Assembly calls on the Mayor to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs asking for a formal review of the legislation as proposed by the RSPCA and for London bodies such as the Metropolitan Police, Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, the stray dog services of the London Boroughs and relevant non-governmental organisations to be part of this review.”

- 3.4 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Fiona Twycross AM** and will be seconded by Andrew Dismore AM:

“This Assembly is deeply concerned by the low-pay and unethical practices that characterise large parts of London’s hospitality sector, with research undertaken by Unite the Union showing that 63 per cent of workers in hotels and restaurants are paid less than the London Living Wage.²

The hospitality and tourism industry is an essential component of London’s economy. More than 30m UK and international tourists visited London in 2015, contributing £15bn to the U.K economy.³ This Assembly notes that staff turnover costs hospitality employers in London £274 million annually. This situation is likely to be exacerbated by the consequences of Brexit, with one in eight employees in London coming from the European Economic Area (EEA), a third of which make up a third of employees in London’s accommodation and food services.⁴

This Assembly believes that hotel chains operating in the capital have a social and moral responsibility to treat their workers ethically. That means paying staff a wage they can live on; providing safe, secure work and guaranteed hours every week; and offering training, development, and career opportunities. Ethical treatment of staff leads to greater productivity, staff retention and a more positive image to promote, which translates in to significant savings for business.

This Assembly calls on the Mayor to encourage the hospitality industry to improve conditions and promote best practice similar to conditions in New York where room attendants receive a pay of at least £16 per hour.⁵ The Assembly also calls on the Mayor to undertake an evidence-led review of the financial benefits to the hospitality sector of paying the London Living Wage and pursuing employment practices that encourage workers to remain within the industry.”

- 3.5 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Fiona Twycross AM** and will be seconded by Leonie Cooper AM:

“This Assembly is deeply concerned about Newsquest South London’s plans to significantly reduce its workforce, and at a time when resources for news provision across the capital are already considerably stretched.

² London’s Poverty Profile, [Low paid jobs by industry](#), date accessed 13.10.2016

³ London and Partners, [Leisure Tourism](#)

⁴ The Social Market Foundation, (May 2016), [Working Together? The impact of the EU referendum on UK employers](#), Pg. 5

⁵ The Guardian, (20.09.2015), Life as a hotel chambermaid: ‘If I didn’t finish in time, I had to work unpaid until I did’, date accessed 13.10.2016

The newsroom restructure will result in just 12 reporters covering news, sport and leisure across 11 newspapers and eight websites under a single content editor. Seven reporters have resigned over the plans and others face redundancy.

In addition to the reduction of the number of newsroom staff, the working conditions of those that remain with Newsquest will be severely compromised. This includes the following newspapers: The Croydon Guardian, Sutton Guardian, Epsom Guardian, Wimbledon Guardian, Wandsworth Guardian, Balham and Tooting Guardian, Mitcham and Morden Guardian, Kingston Guardian, Surrey Comet, Elmbridge Comet, the Richmond & Twickenham Times and The News Shopper – for Lewisham, Greenwich, Bexley and Bromley.

This Assembly believes that newsroom staff across the city provide an essential service informing the public and raising their awareness of key issues in their local areas. They serve as a valuable means of engaging individuals with the democratic process, informing Londoners of the work we do here at the London Assembly. To lose or greatly compromise the ability of newsroom staff to continue to serve the public in this way would be regrettable. London needs quality local newspapers to ensure democratic scrutiny, accountability, and to encourage an informed and active citizenship – these proposals do not provide that.

This Assembly calls on the Mayor to continue to engage with the NUJ and Newsquest in this dispute to find a solution that maintains the quality of the South London Press publications, and commit to look at ways in which local newspaper provision can be supported in London.”

- 3.6 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Tom Copley AM** and will be seconded by Jennette Arnold OBE AM:

“This Assembly is concerned about the Government’s proposals to remove the 50 per cent cap on religiously selective admissions for all religious free schools and the impact this would have on diversity within London’s schools.

Since 2007, a 50 per cent cap on religiously selective admissions has been in place for new academies and free schools which select by religion. The Government’s proposals intend to remove the 50 per cent rule and in its place, introduce measures that are less likely to increase diversity in faith schools.

The Government's own data show that religious schools which are 100% selective by faith are less diverse in terms of both race and social class than religious schools where the 50% cap is in place.

This Assembly believes that it is important for schools to serve the local communities in which they are located. The Mayor has released a statement in which he said selection leads to segregation and appointed a Deputy Mayor for Social Integration to help ensure Londoners from different faiths, ethnicities, backgrounds and social classes are better integrated in a city that is the most diverse in the country.

This Assembly calls on the Mayor to make representations to the Government to keep the 50% cap in place.

This Assembly asks for the Deputy Mayor for Social Integration to examine the effects of the Government’s proposals on diversity in London and to look at ways in which we can ensure that

London's schools are fully inclusive and to lobby the Government on their proposals."

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