

MINUTES

Meeting: GLA Oversight Committee
Date: Wednesday 24 October 2012
Time: 2.00 pm
Place: Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Len Duvall (Chair)
Jennette Arnold OBE (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour
John Biggs
Andrew Boff
Nicky Gavron
Darren Johnson
Steve O'Connell
Caroline Pidgeon

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

- 1.1 An apology for absence was received from Valerie Shawcross AM, for whom Nicky Gavron AM attended as a substitute Member.

2. Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 **Resolved:**

- (a) **That the list of memberships of functional bodies and London Borough Councils, as set out in the table at Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests; and**
- (b) **That gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out in the Authority's**

gifts and hospitality register, be noted.

3. Minutes (Item 3)

- 3.1 The Committee received the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 3.2 Caroline Pidgeon AM suggested that the second bullet point of minute 10.2 should have employed the word 'used' rather than 'promoted'.

3.3 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee held on 20 September 2012 be signed by the Chair as a correct record subject to the comment made in the meeting and recorded above.

4. Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

- 4.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 4.2 It was noted that the Committee's request, made at its previous meeting, for further information in relation to the re-charging of costs incurred by the GLA in assisting the Mayors Office for Policing and Crime with certain functions should have been reflected within the report.
- 4.3 It was further noted that the future dates for People's Question Time events had not been circulated to Assembly Members and that clarification of the ownership of the '@MayorOfLondon' Twitter account had not yet been provided.

4.4 Resolved:

That, subject to the comments made in the meeting and recorded above, the completed and outstanding actions from previous meetings of the GLA Oversight Committee be noted.

5. The Mayor's Senior Adviser, Team London, Volunteering, Charities and Sponsorship (Item 5)

- 5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to its question and answer session with Veronica Wadley, Mayor's Senior Adviser, Team London, Volunteering, Charities and Sponsorship. Also in attendance for this item was Matthew Patten, Chief Executive, Mayor's Fund for London.

5.2 During the course of the discussion, the Chair requested information on the scope and work undertaken on the reviews of the GLA's sponsorship and volunteering functions. In addition, the Chair invited Ms Wadley to return to the Committee in the early part of 2013 for a further update on her areas of work.

5.3 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix 1**.

5.4 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

6. Head of Paid Service Oral Update (Item 6)

6.1 The Head of Paid Service informed the Committee that work had continued on the post-devolution restructuring activity within the Authority, which included the dissolution and reorganisation of the London 2012 team. Members were informed that consultation papers had been issued to staff in relation to the proposed new structure for a Housing and Land Directorate and in relation to the structures within the Development and Environment Directorate; both consultations were planned to be held over a three-month period.

6.2 The oral update was noted.

7. Assembly Budget Requirement 2013-14 (Item 7)

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

7.2 Members expressed concern that the proposed budget requirement might not allow the Assembly scope to widen its areas of scrutiny to reflect any growth in the Mayor's remit, with particular reference to education matters, and requested that officers provide a report to the next meeting of the Committee on that matter.

7.3 The Committee was also advised that the outcome and decisions of the London TravelWatch Review Panel in respect of potential budget savings would be made available to Members in advance of the next GLA Oversight Committee meeting.

7.4 **Resolved:**

That the London Assembly's draft budget requirement for 2013-14 be recommended to the Mayor, subject to any changes that might be necessary prior to the final agreement on the budget in February 2013 to reflect:

- (a) The outcome of consultation with staff on the proposed changes to the administrative and support functions in the core Secretariat;**
- (b) Any further advice from the Executive Director of Resources on contingencies and financial reserves; and**
- (c) Any changes that emerge during the remainder of the budget process**

including any additional scrutiny responsibilities that might need to be covered by the Assembly.

8. Consultation on Shared Member Support Services with the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (Item 8)

8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

8.2 Resolved:

That the proposed Member Support Shared Services arrangements between the GLA and LFEPA, as outlined in the report, be recommended for approval by the Mayor.

9. Secretariat Quarterly Monitoring, Quarter 2 2012/13 (Item 9)

9.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

9.2 Resolved:

That the core Secretariat quarterly monitoring report for the second quarter of 2012/13 (July to September 2012) be noted.

10. GLA Annual Equalities Report - Assembly Contribution (Item 10)

10.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

10.2 Members of the Committee suggested that the Assembly's contribution to the GLA's Annual Equalities Report 2012 additionally reflect the work the Assembly had undertaken on economic equality, transport accessibility, air quality, mental health and 'looked after children'.

10.3 Resolved:

That, subject to the comments made in the meeting and recorded above, the Assembly's contribution to the GLA's Annual Equalities Report 2012, in advance of its consideration of the full report at its meeting in February 2013, be noted.

11. Response to the Time for Action Panel Report - Time to Reflect (Item 11)

11.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

11.2 Resolved:

- (a) That the response to the report be noted;**
- (b) That the Police and Crime Committee be requested to monitor progress of and developments within Project Daedalus and that the Oversight Committee monitors progress with the other programmes; and**
- (c) That the appropriate Mayoral adviser be invited to provide an update on the Mayor's Project Titan programme at the next meeting of the Oversight Committee.**

12. Work Programme for the GLA Oversight Committee 2012/13 (Item 12)

12.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

12.2 In discussion, Members suggested that the Review of the Funding of World Pride be undertaken at the Committee's November meeting in order that the Committee might better influence forthcoming decisions on the future funding of the event.

12.3 Members also considered whether the Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture should be invited to the GLA Oversight Committee or a future London Assembly (Plenary) meeting in order to consider the Mayor's work in the area of education.

12.4 Resolved:

That the Committee's work programme for 2012/13 be noted, subject to the inclusion of the changes proposed by Members in the course of the meeting and the comments made and recorded above.

13. Date of Next Meeting (Item 13)

13.1 The next meeting of the Committee would be held on 28 November 2012 at 10am in Committee Room 5.

14. Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 14)

14.1 There was no other urgent business requiring consideration.

15. Close of Meeting

15.1 The meeting finished at 4.55pm.

Chair

Date

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