

MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly
(Annual Meeting)**
Date: Wednesday 1 May 2013
Time: 10.00 am
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

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| Tony Arbour | Jenny Jones |
| Jennette Arnold OBE | Stephen Knight |
| Gareth Bacon | Kit Malthouse |
| John Biggs | Joanne McCartney |
| Andrew Boff | Steve O'Connell |
| Victoria Borwick | Caroline Pidgeon MBE |
| James Cleverly | Murad Qureshi |
| Tom Copley | Dr Onkar Sahota |
| Andrew Dismore | Navin Shah |
| Len Duvall | Valerie Shawcross CBE |
| Roger Evans | Richard Tracey |
| Nicky Gavron | Fiona Twycross |
| Darren Johnson | |

1. Election of Chair and Deputy Chair of the London Assembly (Item 1)

- 1.1 Jennette Arnold AM delivered an address on her term as Chair of the London Assembly. She referred to the challenges faced during the year, the success for London in its hosting of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the important role the Assembly played in holding the Mayor to account. She also thanked Group Leaders and staff for their support.
- 1.2 Darren Johnson AM, the Deputy Chair of the Assembly for the 2012/13 year, moved a vote of thanks on the Assembly's behalf for Jennette Arnold AM's work as Chair of the Assembly during the 2012/13 year. Leaders of all of the Assembly's party Groups joined Darren Johnson in recording their thanks.
- 1.3 The Head of Paid Service then conducted the election for the position of Chair of the London Assembly for the 2013/14 year.
- 1.4 It was proposed by Jenny Jones AM and seconded by Len Duvall AM that Darren Johnson AM be appointed Chair of the London Assembly for the 2013/14 year.

1.5 There being no other nominations, it was:

1.6 **Resolved:**

That Darren Johnson AM be appointed Chair of the London Assembly until the next Annual Meeting of the Assembly.

[Darren Johnson AM in the Chair.]

- 1.7 The Chair addressed the Assembly. He emphasised his intention to seek to Chair Assembly Mayor's Question Time meetings in a way that allowed rigorous cross examination of the Mayor, allowed the Mayor the opportunity to answer questions succinctly, and which enhanced transparency and accountability. He referred also to the strength of Assembly when speaking with one voice on behalf of Londoners.
- 1.8 The Chair then presided over the election for the office of Deputy Chair of the London Assembly.
- 1.9 It was proposed by Richard Tracey AM and seconded by Caroline Pidgeon AM that Roger Evans AM be appointed Deputy Chair of the London Assembly for the 2013/14 year.
- 1.10 There being no other nominations it was:

1.11 **Resolved:**

That Roger Evans AM be appointed Deputy Chairman of the London Assembly until the next Annual Meeting of the Assembly.

2. Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 2)

2.1 There were no apologies for absence.

2.2 The Chair informed the Assembly that the Assembly's Conservative Group had provided formal notice, in accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, that it had formally reconstituted itself and would in future be known as 'GLA Conservatives'.

3. Declarations of Interests (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

(a) That the list of Assembly Members' appointments, as set out in the tables at Item 3, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests; and

(b) That Tom Copley AM's declaration of receipt of a gift from the Discovery Channel, which gift was not yet reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality, be additionally noted.

4. Minutes (Item 4)

4.1 **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the 13 March 2013 (Plenary) and 20 March 2013 (Mayor's Question Time) meetings to be signed by the Chair as a correct record of those meetings.

5. Establishment of Assembly Committees and Bodies for 2013/14 (Item 5)

5.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

5.2 A list of proposed Assembly committees and other bodies for establishment for the 2013/14 year, together with the proposed terms of reference, membership and nominations for Chair and Deputy Chair for each body, was additionally tabled.

5.3 **Resolved (unanimously):**

(a) That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the proportionality rules be disapplied where committee membership is not politically proportional in respect of the overall membership of the Assembly;

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- (b) That it be agreed to establish the committees and other bodies listed at Appendix 1 as ordinary committees and for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Assembly in May 2014, and that the size, constitution and terms of reference of each of those bodies be approved;**
- (c) That the Police and Crime Committee's intention to re-establish the Taser Working Group with the following term of reference be noted: "To gather evidence on behalf of the Police and Crime Committee, particularly in terms of issues related to the governance of Taser deployment in London";**
- (d) That the existing standing delegation to the Assembly Chair in respect of powers to decide to hold a confirmation hearing and to decide whether to request the candidate to produce any documents be confirmed;**
- (e) That the Budget and Performance Committee be given approval to re-establish the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee, comprising 2 Labour Members and 2 Conservative Members, with the following term of reference: "To consider the quarterly monitoring reports provided by the GLA and its functional bodies as referred to it by the Budget and Performance Committee, and any other reports falling within the terms of reference of the Budget and Performance Committee which that Committee considers appropriate, and to report back its findings to the Budget and Performance Committee as necessary.";**
- (f) That the previous decisions of the then Business Management and Appointments Committee in respect of committee meetings and work programmes, as set out at paragraphs 4.49 and 4.50 of the report be confirmed;**
- (g) That the minutes of the meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee held on 10 December 2012, as set out at Appendix 5 of the report, be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record of that meeting; and**
- (h) That any outstanding minutes of Assembly committees from the 2012/13 term be referred to the relevant successor body for approval or, where there is more than one relevant successor body, be referred to the Assembly for approval.**

[Note: Agenda Items, 5, 6, 7 and 8, were considered jointly.]

6. Appointment of Members to Committees (Item 6)

6.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat in respect of the appointment of Members to committees and other bodies and the tabled paper setting out the proposed membership of each body.

6.2 **Resolved:**

That it be agreed to appoint Members and substitute Members to each of the committees/ bodies established for the 2013/14 year, as set out at Appendix 1.

[Note: Agenda Items, 5, 6, 7 and 8, were considered jointly.]

7. Election of Committee Chairs & Deputy Chairs (Item 7)

7.1 The Assembly received the tabled paper setting out the nominations for the Chair and Deputy Chair of each committee or other body which had been established.

7.2 **Resolved:**

That it be agreed to appoint Chairs and Deputy Chairs to each of the committees/ bodies established for the 2013/14 year, as set out at Appendix 1.

[Note: Agenda Items, 5, 6, 7 and 8, were considered jointly.]

8. Dates of Assembly and Committee Meetings 2013/14 (Item 8)

8.1 The Assembly received the tabled report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

8.2 **Resolved:**

That the programme of Assembly and committee meetings for the 2013/14 Assembly Year, as set out in the tabled report (and set out at Appendix 2 to these minutes), be confirmed.

[Note: Agenda Items, 5, 6, 7 and 8, were considered jointly.]

9. GLA Corporate Governance Documents (Item 9)

9.1 The Assembly received the joint report of the Executive Director of Secretariat and the Executive Director of Resources.

9.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the revised version of the GLA's Standing Orders, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved and adopted, to come into effect at the close of the meeting;**
- (b) That it be agreed, jointly with the Mayor:**
 - (i) That the standards functions be delegated to a Deputy Monitoring Officer in circumstances when the Monitoring Officer is unable to carry out any of those functions due to absence, illness or conflict of interest;**
 - (ii) That provision be made in the Authority's Standing Orders for the delegation of standards functions to a Deputy Monitoring Officer in certain circumstances; and**
 - (iii) That the GLA's Guidance on Making a Complaint about a GLA Member's conduct be amended to reflect resolution (i) above;**
- (c) That the Scheme of Delegation of Mayoral Functions of the Greater London Authority be noted;**
- (d) That the Scheme of Delegation of Functions of the London Assembly, as set out at Appendix 3 to the report, be agreed subject to the amendment set out at paragraphs 3.21 and 3.22 of the report;**
- (e) That the London Assembly Decision-Making Framework, as set out at Appendix 4 to the report, be agreed; and**
- (f) That standing authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Secretariat to make minor and consequential changes, arising from relevant decisions of the London Assembly and/or its committees, to the Scheme of Delegation of Functions of the London Assembly and the Assembly's Decision Making Framework.**

10. Reports of Assembly Members on the Work of Outside Bodies (Item 10)

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

10.2 Resolved:

That the reports of the Members appointed to the outside bodies indicated on the work of the bodies over the past year be noted.

11. Action Taken by the Chair Under Delegated Authority (Item 11)

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

11.2 Resolved:

That the recent action taken by the Chair of the Assembly under delegated authority, in relation to agreeing: (i) not to hold a confirmation hearing in relation to the Mayor's (then) proposed appointment to the office of Deputy Chairman of the London Pensions Fund Authority; and (ii) the proposals for the 13 March 2013 Assembly Plenary meeting be noted.

12. Changes in the Terms of an Appointment made by the Mayor under Section 67(1) (a) of the GLA Act 1999 (Item 12)

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

12.2 Resolved:

That the recent changes made to the terms and conditions of the appointment of Cycling Commissioner, Andrew Gilligan, appointed by the Mayor under Section 67(1) (a) of the GLA Act, be noted.

13. Future Meetings of the Assembly (Item 13)

13.1 Resolved:

That it be agreed to use the 5 June 2013 London Assembly (Plenary) meeting principally to put questions to the Chair of the London Finance Commission, Professor Tony Travers, on the work of the London Finance Commission.

14. Date of Next Meeting (Item 14)

- 14.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the London Assembly would be the Mayor's Question Time meeting which would take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 22 May 2012 in the Chamber at City Hall.

15. Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 15)

- 15.1 There was no urgent business requiring consideration.

16. Close of Meeting

- 16.1 The meeting closed at 10.38am.

Chair

Date

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