

MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**
Date: Wednesday 20 November 2013
Time: 10.00 am
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

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

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

- 1.1 An apology for absence was received from Nicky Gavron AM.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed Kai Lilly, Sally Bartolo and Merhawit Ghebre, who were shadowing the Chair, Jennette Arnold OBE AM and Jenny Jones AM respectively, as part of Children's Commissioner's Takeover Day.
- 1.3 The Chair announced that the Dialogue Society had provided Noah's Pudding for after the meeting to Assembly Members, the Mayor, staff and public, in order to help celebrate the common heritage of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
- 1.4 During the course of the meeting, the Chair welcomed representatives from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's civil service and the Deputy Chair welcomed volunteers from the Saint Francis Hospice in Havering.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 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 of the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting held on 23 October 2013 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Mayor's Report (Item 4)

- 4.1 The Assembly noted the Mayor's Report covering the period from 10 October 2013 to 6 November 2013.
- 4.2 In accordance with Standing Order 5.4A, the Mayor gave an oral update on matters occurring since the publication of his report. All party Groups of the Assembly had requested that the Mayor provide an oral update on the recent cycling deaths and injuries and safety concerns about the Cycle Superhighways across London. The record of the oral update is attached as **Appendix 1**.

5 Questions to the Mayor (Item 5)

- 5.1 The record of the discussion with the Mayor, including oral answers given by the Mayor to Members' questions, is attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 5.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting are attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 5.3 During the course of the question and answer session, the Chair proposed, and it was agreed, that Standing Order 2.9B be suspended to extend the meeting in order to allow the remaining questions on the priority order paper to be put to the Mayor and for the remaining items of business on the agenda to be considered.
- 5.4 The Chair announced during the meeting that London-based journalist Kieron Bryan, mentioned in a motion at the last Assembly meeting, had been granted bail by a court in St Petersburg having been arrested as a result of the protest at the Prirazlomnaya oil platform in September 2013.
- 5.5 The Chair formally moved the motion set out on the agenda, namely:

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

- 5.6 Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM moved and John Biggs AM seconded the following amendment to the motion:

Add:

"The Assembly also notes the Mayor's oral update following requests from each party group concerning the recent deaths of cyclists in London. The Assembly calls on the Mayor to publish an action plan and timescale for improving safety on Cycle Superhighway 2, and for upgrading all Cycle Superhighways, in good time for consideration at the December Transport Committee."

In accordance with Standing Order 3.6, Darren Johnson AM, as mover of the motion, formally accepted the amendment.

- 5.7 Upon being put to a vote, the motion as altered, namely:

"That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked. The Assembly also notes the Mayor's oral update following requests from each party group concerning the recent deaths of cyclists in London. The Assembly calls on the Mayor to publish an action plan and timescale for improving safety on Cycle Superhighway 2, and for upgrading all Cycle Superhighways, in good time for consideration at the December Transport Committee."

was agreed unanimously.

6 Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)

- 6.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting which was scheduled to take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 4 December 2013 in the Chamber, City Hall.

7 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 7)

- 7.1 There were no items of urgent business.

8 Close of Meeting

- 8.1 The meeting ended at 12.51 pm.

Chair

Date

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