

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Environment Committee**  
**Date: Thursday 19 May 2011**  
**Time: 10.00 am**  
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Murad Qureshi (Chair)  
Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair)  
Tony Arbour  
John Biggs  
James Cleverly  
Roger Evans  
Mike Tuffrey

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Gareth Bacon AM, for whom Tony Arbour AM attended as a substitute, and from Nicky Gavron AM, for whom John Biggs AM attended as a substitute.

**2. Declarations of Interests (Item 2)**

2.1 **Resolved:**

- (a) **That the relevant Members' declaration of memberships of Functional Bodies and London Borough Councils, as set out in the table at Item 2 on the agenda, be noted as personal interests;**
- (b) **That Tony Arbour AM's membership of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority, Metropolitan Police Authority and the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames be additionally noted as personal interests;**

- (c) That James Cleverly AM's role as Chair of the London Waste and Recycling Board, as declared under Item 8 on the agenda, be additionally noted as a personal interest; and
- (d) That the gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out on the Authority's gifts and hospitality register, be noted.

### **3. Membership of the Committee (Item 3)**

#### **3.1 Resolved:**

That the following membership and chairing arrangements for the Committee, agreed by the Annual Meeting of the Assembly on 4 May 2011, be noted:

Murad Qureshi (Chair)  
Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair)  
Gareth Bacon  
James Cleverly  
Roger Evans  
Nicky Gavron  
Mike Tuffrey.

### **4. Terms of Reference (Item 4)**

#### **4.1 Resolved:**

That the following terms of reference of this committee, as agreed by the Annual Meeting of the Assembly on 4 May 2011, be noted:

1. To examine and report from time to time on –
  - the strategies, policies and actions of the Mayor and the Functional Bodies
  - matters of importance to Greater London as they relate to the environment and sustainable development in London.
2. To examine and report to the Assembly from time to time on the Mayor's Air Quality, Biodiversity, Climate Change Adaptation, Climate Change Mitigation and Energy, Noise and Waste Strategies, in particular their implementation and revision.
3. To consider environmental matters on request from another standing committee and report its opinion to that standing committee.

4. **To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; and the promotion of opportunity.**
5. **To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference.**

## **5. Standing Delegations (Item 5)**

### **5.1 Resolved:**

**That the current standing delegation of authority to the Chair of the Committee as noted by the Annual Meeting of the Assembly on 4 May 2011, be noted, namely:**

**“Delegate authority to the Chair, following consultation with the other Members of the Committee, to respond on its behalf to consultations where it is consulted on issues where there is not sufficient time consider the consultation at a full Committee meeting.”**

## **6. Minutes (Item 6)**

### **6.1 Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 6 April 2011 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

## **7. Summary List of Actions (Item 7)**

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

### **7.2 Resolved:**

**That the outstanding action arising from the meeting of the Committee on 6 April 2011, be noted.**

7.3 In accordance with Standing Order 2.2D, the Chair announced that he would vary the order of the agenda to take Item 8 after Item 11.

## **8. The Environmental Legacy of the Olympic Park (Item 9)**

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

**That it be agreed to carry out an investigation into the environmental legacy of the Olympic Park, with terms of reference as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report.**

## **9. An Update Report on London's Street Trees (Item 10)**

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

9.2 **Resolved:**

**That the report, *Branching Out: the future for London's street trees*, be agreed.**

## **10. Environment Committee Work Programme 2011/12 (Item 11)**

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

10.2 The Chair remarked that, following the long period of dry weather affecting London and the South East, the Committee would keep under review the issue of drought and if necessary invite Thames Water to a meeting.

10.3 **Resolved:**

**That the work programme for 2011/12, as outlined in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.8 of the report, be agreed.**

## **11. London's Energy Gap (Item 8)**

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

11.2 The following guests attended the meeting to answer the Committee's questions on London's Energy Gap:

- Alastair Tolley, Head of Renewable Energy, Association of Electricity Producers;
- Richard Rigg, Project Director, London Array;
- Peter Daw, Policy and Programmes Manager, Climate Change Mitigation, Greater London Authority (GLA);
- Wayne Hubbard, Head of Business Development, London Waste; and
- Ross Hudson, Environment Programme Officer – Low Carbon Zones, GLA.

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- 11.3 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 11.4 The presentation on the London Array given by Richard Rigg is attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 11.5 During the course of the discussion, the Chair welcomed pupils and staff from Park Walk Primary School in Chelsea.
- 11.6 **Resolved:**
- That the report and discussion be noted.**

## **12. Date of Next Meeting (Item 12)**

- 12.1 The next meeting of the Committee would be held on 23 June 2011 at 10.00 am in the Chamber.

## **13. Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 13)**

- 13.1 There was no other business.

## **14. Close of Meeting**

- 14.1 The meeting ended at 11.57am

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Chair

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Date

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