

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Environment Committee  
**Date:** Tuesday 3 June 2014  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Place:** Committee Room 2, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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**Present:**

Stephen Knight AM (Chair)  
Murad Qureshi AM (Deputy Chair)  
James Cleverly AM  
Len Duvall AM  
Nicky Gavron AM  
Jenny Jones AM  
Tony Arbour AM

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

- 1.1 An apology for absence was received from Kit Malthouse AM, for whom Tony Arbour AM attended as a substitute.

## **2 Declarations of Interest (Item 2)**

- 2.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

2.2 **Resolved:**

**That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.**

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

#### **3.1 Resolved:**

**That the membership and chairing arrangements for the Committee as agreed by the Annual Meeting of the Assembly on 14 May 2014, be noted as follows:**

**Stephen Knight (Chair)**  
**Murad Qureshi (Deputy Chair)**  
**James Cleverly**  
**Len Duvall**  
**Nicky Gavron**  
**Jenny Jones**  
**Kit Malthouse**

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

#### **4.1 Resolved:**

**That the following terms of reference for the Committee 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 consider environmental matters on request from another standing committee and report its opinion to that standing committee.

3. To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity.

4. To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference.

## **5 Standing Delegation (Item 5)**

### **5.1 Resolved:**

**That the following standing delegation to the Chair, as agreed by the Annual Meeting of the Assembly on 14 May 2014, be noted:**

That a general authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the lead Members of the party Groups on the Committee, to respond on the Committee's behalf where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a Committee meeting.

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

### **6.1 Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 26 March 2014 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 completed actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted.**

## **8 Action Taken under Delegated Authority (Item 8)**

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

### **8.2 Resolved:**

**That the action taken by the Chair under delegated authority be noted, namely:**

**(a) To agree the Committee's Flood Risk Slide Pack; and**

**(b) To write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Flood Re scheme, and to note the response received**

## 9 Food Waste Scoping Paper (Item 9)

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

9.2 **Resolved:**

**That the proposed investigation into domestic food waste management in London, including the proposed terms of reference, and details set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be agreed.**

## 10 Severe Weather (Item 10)

10.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions to the following invited guests:

- Dr Matt Huddleston, Met Office Climate Scientist and representative on the London Climate Change Partnership;
- Simon Hughes, Deputy Director London, Environment Agency;
- Dr Emily Black, Senior Research Scientist, National Centre for Atmospheric Science, University of Reading;
- Professor Martin Parry, Adaptation Sub-Committee and Centre for Environment Policy, Imperial College London; and
- Alex Nickson, Policy and Programmes Manager, Greater London Authority.

10.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.

10.3 During the course of the discussion, Professor Parry agreed to provide the Committee with further information on the findings of the Climate Change Impact Review Group in 1990 and 1996, and recommendations on planning for a 30 year event in terms of building design.

10.4 **Resolved:**

**(a) That the terms of reference for the investigation into severe weather risks be agreed; and**

**(b) That the report and discussion with guests be noted.**

## **11 Environment Committee Work Programme (Item 11)**

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

11.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the Committee's work programme for the earlier part of the 2014/15 Assembly Year be agreed; and**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Deputy Chair, in consultation with the Chair and the party Group Lead Members, to agree the Committee's report on the Mayor's Carbon Reduction Targets.**

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

12.1 The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 9 July at 2pm in the Chamber, City Hall.

## **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 12.11pm.

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Chair

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