

MINUTES

Meeting: London Assembly (Plenary)
Date: Wednesday 16 July 2014
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

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

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Boff AM, Gareth Bacon AM, Steve O'Connell AM and Valerie Shawcross CBE AM.
- 1.2 The Chairman stated that further to consultations with the Mayor's Office, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner's office and the Assembly's party Group Leaders, the Assembly Plenary session on policing in London had provisionally been moved from 3 December to Tuesday, 9 December 2014 at 3pm, with the guests being the Mayor and the Deputy Police Commissioner, Craig Mackey.
- 1.3 The Chairman stated that he would send letters inviting the Mayor and Deputy Police Commissioner to the meeting under the delegated authority set out in Standing Order 10.2A (1).
- 1.4 The Chairman congratulated Stephen Knight AM and his partner on the recent birth of their daughter.
- 1.5 During the debate on Agenda Item 5 (DCLG Consultation on Reform of the Fire Service Decision Making in London), the Chairman welcomed students from Alexandra Park School, London Borough of Haringey, to the meeting.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 2.2 **Resolved:**
 - (a) **That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as interests;**
 - (b) **Andrew Dismore AM declared a non-pecuniary interest as he was Chair of Trustees of the British Archaeology in London Organisation;**
 - (c) **Kit Malthouse AM declared a non-pecuniary interest as he was a patron of Sadler's Wells;**
 - (d) **Tom Copley AM declared a non-pecuniary interest as he was a board member of Diorama Theatre; and**
 - (e) **Jennette Arnold OBE AM declared an interest as she was a member of the Royal Court Theatre.**

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting held on 18 June 2014 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 Question and Answer Session - the Cultural Metropolis (Item 4)

Part A:

- 4.1 The Assembly put questions to Munira Mirza, the Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture, on recent updates to the Cultural Metropolis strategy document.
- 4.2 A transcript of the questions put by Members and answers is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Part B:

- 4.3 The Chair formally moved the motion on the agenda, namely:

“That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked.”

- 4.4 Fiona Twycross AM moved, and Jennette Arnold AM seconded, an amendment to the proposed motion namely:

“The Assembly regrets that the Mayor of London has chosen to update Cultural Metropolis 2010 rather than work towards replacing the strategy over the course of this Mayoral term. The Assembly believes this is against the spirit of the law as embodied in Section 376 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 and regrets the desire to circumvent consultation – not only with the Assembly but, crucially, London’s vibrant cultural and creative sectors.

“London is truly a ‘World City’ in its provision of arts and culture offers and education, yet the Mayor’s disinterest in producing and consulting on a new strategy fails to recognise the value of cultural provision in its own right. The Assembly demands the Mayor of London make full use of the powers at his disposal to maintain and promote London’s arts and cultural provision.”

4.5 Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Fiona Twycross AM, namely:

“The Assembly regrets that the Mayor of London has chosen to update Cultural Metropolis 2010 rather than work towards replacing the strategy over the course of this Mayoral term. The Assembly believes this is against the spirit of the law as embodied in Section 376 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 and regrets the desire to circumvent consultation – not only with the Assembly but, crucially, London’s vibrant cultural and creative sectors.

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was agreed (11 votes cast in favour and 7 against).

5 DCLG Consultation on Reform of Fire Service Decision Making in London (Item 5)

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

5.2 In accordance with Standing Order 3.4(B), the Chairman stated that he had received notice of two proposed motions: the first in the name of Fiona Twycross AM and the second in the name of James Cleverly AM. The Chairman stated that he proposed to invite the movers of the two proposed motions to move them in the order that they had been received and that in order to assist business they would be debated concurrently but voted on separately. The Assembly agreed to proceed on that basis.

5.3 Fiona Twycross AM moved, and Andrew Dismore AM seconded a motion, namely:

“This Assembly notes the Mayor’s desire to change decision-making at the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) and, in doing so, to reduce the number of elected members LFEPA by four, replacing them with his appointees.

This Assembly believes the Mayor’s proposal jeopardises the democratic integrity of the LFEPA and that it should be elected members accountable to Londoners who make transparent decisions in the interest of everybody in the capital.

Given the threat that the Mayor’s proposals present to democratic decision-making at the LFEPA, and the potential impact this could have on the safety of Londoners, this Assembly calls on the Mayor to withdraw the plans with immediate effect and to work with the Assembly

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to develop proposals that would provide strong leadership, accountability and democratic representation to improve the provision of the fire and rescue service to Londoners.”

5.4 James Cleverly AM moved, and Tony Arbour AM seconded a motion, namely:

“Dear Secretary of State

This response is submitted on behalf of the London Assembly, to your recently issued consultation “Reform of fire service decision making in London”.

The London Assembly support the proposal that the Secretary of State makes an order under schedule 28 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 to amend the composition of the membership of the LFEPA as follows:

- the number of Assembly Members be reduced from eight to six;
- the number of London Borough Councillors be reduced from seven to five;
- the number of Mayoral appointees be increased from two to six.

We believe that this will provide an interim solution to the current, and undesirable, confusion between executive and scrutiny role in relation to fire provision in London. This was identified by the recent Communities & Local Government Select Committee report.

We also feel that the current model makes political accountability difficult. Members of the LFEPA do not have a direct, or indeed indirect, mandate from the electorate yet the current structure implies that they do. This causes confusion among Londoners in general, and firefighters in particular, as to who can be held politically accountable for the decisions of the Authority. The use of mayoral direction has reduced this confusion to an extent but a more obvious relationship between the Mayor and the fire service would make future accountability clearer.

Whilst the Assembly believes that the solution to LFEPA’s governance problems lie in primary legislation to create a Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime style model, it understands the need for the proposed changes in the short term.

Yours sincerely”

5.5 The Chairman stated that the vote on the proposed motion in the name of James Cleverly AM would be taken first, followed by the vote on the proposed motion in the name of Fiona Twycross AM.

5.6 Before a vote on the motions was taken, in accordance with Standing Order 2.7(A), Richard Tracey AM requested that a named vote be taken.

5.7 Upon being put to the vote, the motion in the name of James Cleverly AM, namely:

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was declared lost (6 votes cast in favour and 15 votes against), with the votes being cast as follows:

For the motion: Tony Arbour AM, Victoria Borwick AM, James Cleverly AM, Kit Malthouse AM, Richard Tracey AM and Roger Evans AM (Chairman)

Against the motion: John Biggs AM, Tom Copley AM, Andrew Dismore AM, Len Duvall AM, Nicky Gavron AM, Darren Johnson AM, Jenny Jones AM, Stephen Knight AM, Joanne McCartney AM, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, Murad Qureshi AM, Dr Onkar Sahota AM, Navin Shah AM, Fiona Twycross AM and Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Deputy Chair).

5.8 Upon being put to the vote, the motion in the name of Fiona Twycross AM, namely:

“This Assembly notes the Mayor’s desire to change decision-making at the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) and, in doing so, to reduce the number of elected members LFEPA by four, replacing them with his appointees.

This Assembly believes the Mayor’s proposal jeopardises the democratic integrity of the LFEPA and that it should be elected members accountable to Londoners who make transparent decisions in the interest of everybody in the capital.

Given the threat that the Mayor’s proposals present to democratic decision-making at the LFEPA, and the potential impact this could have on the safety of Londoners, this Assembly calls on the Mayor to withdraw the plans with immediate effect and to work with the Assembly to develop proposals that would provide strong leadership, accountability and democratic representation to improve the provision of the fire and rescue service to Londoners.”

was agreed (15 votes cast in favour and 6 voted, against), with the voting as follows:

For the motion: John Biggs AM, Tom Copley AM, Andrew Dismore AM, Len Duvall AM, Nicky Gavron AM, Darren Johnson AM, Jenny Jones AM, Stephen Knight AM, Joanne McCartney AM, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, Murad Qureshi AM, Dr Onkar Sahota AM, Navin Shah AM, Fiona Twycross AM and Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Deputy Chair).

Against the motion: Tony Arbour AM, Victoria Borwick AM, James Cleverly AM, Kit Malthouse AM, Richard Tracey AM and Roger Evans AM (Chairman).

6 Future Plenary Meetings (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

- (a) That the Assembly, under section 61 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999, requires the attendance of the Mayor, Boris Johnson (in his capacity as Chairman of Transport for London) and Sir Peter Hendy CBE (Commissioner, Transport for London) at the 10 September 2014 London Assembly (Plenary) meeting, for which notice will be given in accordance with section 62 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 in due course, to answer questions in relation to the policies and work of Transport for London.**
- (b) That the Assembly, under section 61 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999, requires the attendance of Ron Dobson CBE QFSM (Commissioner for Fire and Emergency Planning), and James Cleverly AM (Chairman, London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority) at the 5 November 2014 London Assembly (Plenary) meeting, for which notice will be given in accordance with**

section 62 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 in due course, to answer questions in relation to the policies and work of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.

7 Mayoral Commitments (Item 7)

7.1 The Assembly considered the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

7.2 **Resolved:**

That the commitments made by the Mayor, Boris Johnson, during London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meetings held between June 2013 and March 2014 be noted.

8 Changes to Membership of the Housing Committee (Item 8)

8.1 The Assembly considered the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

8.2 **Resolved:**

(a) That, further to nominations received from the London Assembly Labour Group, Murad Qureshi AM be appointed as a member of the Housing Committee, to replace Fiona Twycross AM; and

(b) That Fiona Twycross AM be appointed as a substitute member of the Housing Committee, to replace Murad Qureshi AM.

9 Petitions Update (Item 9)

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

9.2 **Resolved:**

That the responses received to petitions presented at recent Assembly (Plenary) meetings be noted.

10 Petitions (Item 10)

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

10.2 Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM presented a petition with the following prayer:

“We, the undersigned, call on Transport for London and London Buses to replace the Highbury Grange Bus shelter without delay.”

10.3 **Resolved:**

That the petition be forwarded to the Mayor as Chairman of Transport for London, and the Commissioner for Transport for a response.

11 Motions (Item 11)

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

11.2 Jenny Jones AM moved and Richard Tracey AM seconded the following motion:

“This Assembly notes that the Mayor of London’s proposal for an Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is currently envisaged within the boundaries of the central London Congestion Charge Zone. This Assembly also understands that other boroughs may wish to join the proposed zone where they have particular air quality concerns. The Assembly therefore recommends that other boroughs be offered the opportunity to opt-in to a larger, contiguous zone as part of the Mayor’s consultation on the 2020 scheme, provided that the boroughs concerned meet a significant portion of the costs of extending the scheme and are able to demonstrate significant local support.”

11.3 Len Duvall AM moved, and Joanne McCartney AM seconded, the following amendment to the proposed motion:

“This Assembly notes that the Mayor of London’s proposal for an Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is currently envisaged within the boundaries of the central London Congestion Charge Zone. This Assembly also understands that other boroughs may wish to join the proposed zone where they have particular air quality concerns. The Assembly therefore recommends that other boroughs be offered the opportunity to opt-in to a larger, contiguous zone as part of the Mayor’s consultation on the 2020 scheme ~~provided that the boroughs concerned meet a significant portion of the costs of extending the scheme and are able to demonstrate significant local support.~~

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11.4 Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Len Duvall AM was agreed with 13 votes cast in favour and 6 votes against. The debate therefore proceeded on the basis of the revised motion.

11.5 Upon being put to the vote, the revised motion in the name of Jenny Jones AM, namely:

“This Assembly notes that the Mayor of London’s proposal for an Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is currently envisaged within the boundaries of the central London Congestion Charge Zone. This Assembly also understands that other boroughs may wish to join the proposed zone where they have particular air quality concerns. The Assembly therefore recommends that other boroughs be offered the opportunity to opt-in to a larger, contiguous zone as part of the Mayor’s consultation on the 2020 scheme.”

was agreed unanimously.

11.6 Darren Johnson AM moved and Nicky Gavron AM seconded the following motion:

“This Assembly notes that the London Plan parking standards have been successful in promoting sustainable development in London, and that Transport for London have worked effectively with the GLA’s Planning Decisions Unit to ensure that car parking provision fits with the Mayor’s strategic transport objectives. This Assembly disagrees with the Planning Minister that there is no place in the London Plan for car parking standards, resolves to write to the Minister to withdraw his expectation that the Mayor remove them, and calls on the Mayor to reject the Minister’s suggestion.”

11.7 Upon being put to the vote, the motion in the name of Darren Johnson AM, namely:

“This Assembly notes that the London Plan parking standards have been successful in promoting sustainable development in London, and that Transport for London have worked effectively with the GLA’s Planning Decisions Unit to ensure that car parking provision fits with the Mayor’s strategic transport objectives. This Assembly disagrees with the Planning Minister that there is no place in the London Plan for car parking standards, resolves to write to the Minister to withdraw his expectation that the Mayor remove them, and calls on the Mayor to reject the Minister’s suggestion.”

was agreed (with 15 votes cast in favour and 5 votes against).

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11.8 Fiona Twycross AM moved and Len Duvall AM seconded the following motion:

“The London Assembly recognises that the question of Scottish independence is a matter for the Scottish people. However, this Assembly would regret a vote by the Scottish people to leave the United Kingdom.

The London Assembly recognises the importance of our shared identities and values and, while celebrating and respecting the cultures of all nations and nationalities within the Union, we believe we are genuinely better together.

Thousands of Scottish people – and people with close family ties to Scotland, including a number of Assembly Members – live in London. The legacy of the Scottish people in London has, and continues to be, considerable; ranging from the discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington to the recent, magnificent redesign of Kings Cross station by John McAslan.

This Assembly believes that maximising economic and social development requires a far greater devolution of powers from Westminster to local, regional, and national governments across the United Kingdom, allowing for decisions to be made at a level where local voices can be clearly heard and reflected. With this in mind, and further to the Mayor's strong statements on the issue of Scottish independence, we urge the Scottish people to remain part of the United Kingdom and join us in pursuing our common interest – a fairer constitutional settlement within the United Kingdom.”

11.9 Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM moved, and Stephen Knight AM seconded the following amendment to the proposed motion:

“The London Assembly recognises that the question of Scottish independence is a matter for the Scottish people. However, this Assembly would ~~regret~~ **be saddened in the event of** a vote by the Scottish people to leave the United Kingdom.

The London Assembly recognises the importance of our shared identities and values and, while celebrating and respecting the cultures of all nations and nationalities within the Union, we believe we are genuinely better together.

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11.10 In accordance with Standing Order 3.6A(2), and with the consent of her seconder and the meeting, Fiona Twycross AM stated that she would accept the amendment. The debate therefore proceeded on the basis of the revised motion.

11.11 Upon being put to the vote, the revised motion in the name of Fiona Twycross AM, namely:

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was agreed (with 17 votes cast in favour and 2 against).

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11.12 Murad Qureshi AM moved and Tom Copley AM seconded the following motion:

“This Assembly notes with concern the expansion of the end-to-end postal services by TNT Post UK across London and the impact this expansion has on Royal Mail’s ability to sustain the universal service obligation.

Companies such as TNT are able to cherry-pick the most lucrative areas to deliver post because of a lack of regulation. Furthermore, TNT offers only insecure terms and conditions for staff, employing workers on zero-hours contracts at minimum wage and supporting the growth of a low-pay insecure job market¹.

This Assembly therefore calls on the Mayor of London to:

- Make representations to Ofcom to undertake an urgent review of end-to-end postal competition
- Determine what changes are needed to protect and ensure the future of the Universal Postal Service
- Make representations to TNT Post UK about becoming a living wage employer and offering staff secure, permanent contracts.”

11.13 Jenny Jones AM moved, and Darren Johnson AM seconded, the following amendment to the proposed motion.

“This Assembly notes with concern **the impact that the** expansion of the end-to-end postal services by TNT Post UK across London ~~and the impact this expansion~~ has on Royal Mail’s ability to sustain the universal service obligation.

Companies such as TNT are able to cherry-pick the most lucrative areas to deliver post ~~because of a lack of regulation~~. Furthermore, TNT offers only insecure terms and conditions for staff, employing workers on zero-hours contracts at minimum wage and supporting the growth of a low-pay insecure job market.

This Assembly therefore calls on the Mayor of London to:

- ~~Make representations to Ofcom to undertake an urgent review of end to end postal competition~~
- Determine what changes are needed to protect and ensure the future of the Universal Postal Service.
- Make representations to TNT Post UK about becoming a living wage employer and offering staff secure, permanent contracts.
- **Lobby the Government to bring the postal service back into public ownership.**

¹ Paul Mills, Postal privatisation and the zero-hour workers' nightmare, *The Guardian*, 07.07.14

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11.14 In accordance with Standing Order 3.6A(2), and with the consent of her seconder and the meeting, Murad Qureshi AM stated that he would accept the amendment. The debate therefore proceeded on the basis of the revised motion.

11.15 Upon being put to the vote the revised motion in the name of Murad Qureshi AM, namely:

“This Assembly notes with concern the impact that the expansion of the end-to-end postal services by TNT Post UK across London has on Royal Mail’s ability to sustain the universal service obligation.

Companies such as TNT are able to cherry-pick the most lucrative areas to deliver post. Furthermore, TNT offers only insecure terms and conditions for staff, employing workers on zero-hours contracts at minimum wage and supporting the growth of a low-pay insecure job market[1].

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- **Determine what changes are needed to protect and ensure the future of the Universal Postal Service.**
- **Make representations to TNT Post UK about becoming a living wage employer and offering staff secure, permanent contracts.**
- **Lobby the Government to bring the postal service back into public ownership.**

was agreed (with 12 votes cast in favour and 5 votes against).

11.16 Tony Arbour AM moved, and Richard Tracey AM seconded, the following motion:

“In light of growing hospital admissions and ambulance call-outs related to alcohol in London, and the Mayors continued work to address the health implications of alcohol to Londoners, the Assembly would like the Mayor to look more closely at reducing the strain of alcohol to our emergency services. Recently the Soho Alcohol Recovery Centre (SARC) and the Booze Bus programme have significantly reduced their operation in London, with the SARC remaining closed since 2013. These services provided a simple and safe alternative to having intoxicated patients overwhelm London’s ambulances and A&E departments. Their benefits include savings in time, costs and distraction to our health workers. The Mayor is requested to work with the NHS to save and extend programmes to help keep emergency services focused on truly time-critical life-threatening emergencies and not the intoxicated.”

11.17 Dr Onkar Sahota AM moved, and Joanne McCartney AM seconded, the following amendment to the proposed motion:

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11.18 Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Dr Onkar Sahota AM was agreed with 14 votes cast in favour and 5 votes against. The debate therefore proceeded on the basis of the revised motion.

11.19 Upon being put to the vote the revised motion in the name of Tony Arbour AM, namely:

“In light of growing hospital admissions and ambulance call-outs related to alcohol in London, and the Mayors continued work to address the health implications of alcohol to Londoners, the Assembly would like the Mayor to look more closely at reducing the strain of alcohol to our emergency services. Recently the Soho Alcohol Recovery Centre (SARC) and the Booze Bus programme have significantly reduced their operation in London, with the SARC remaining closed since 2013. These services provided a simple and safe alternative to having intoxicated patients overwhelm London’s ambulances and A&E departments. Their benefits include savings in time, costs and distraction to our health workers. The Mayor is requested to work with the NHS and the Government to save and extend such programmes to help keep emergency services focused on truly time-critical life-threatening emergencies.”

was agreed (with 14 votes cast in favour and none against).

11.20 Tony Arbour AM moved, and Richard Tracey AM, seconded the following motion:

“Over the past 8 years the Metropolitan Police have given out a third fewer Public Notices for Disorder (PNDs) related to drunken behaviour, while in the same period hospital admissions related to alcohol have nearly doubled. The Assembly requests that the Mayor encourages the Metropolitan Police to work more closely with London’s emergency services to help target abusers and troublesome users of our emergency services with fines, while avoiding fining those with more serious alcohol related conditions.”

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- 11.21 Dr Onkar Sahota AM moved, and Len Duvall AM seconded, the following amendment to the proposed motion:

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- 11.22 Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Dr Onkar Sahota AM was agreed with 14 votes cast in favour and 5 votes against. The debate therefore proceeded on the basis of the revised motion.

- 11.23 Upon being put to the vote the motion in the name of Tony Arbour AM, namely:

“Over the past 8 years the Metropolitan Police have given out a third fewer Public Notices for Disorder (PNDs) related to drunken behaviour, while in the same period hospital admissions related to alcohol have nearly doubled. The Assembly requests that the Mayor encourages the Metropolitan Police to work more closely with London’s emergency services to help target abusers and troublesome users of our emergency services.”

was agreed (with 14 votes cast in favour and 5 against).

- 11.24 Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM moved, and Jennette Arnold OBE AM seconded, the following motion:

“This Assembly notes the significant size of the Latin American community in London and especially some inner London Boroughs and believes that certain issues relating to their lack of official public recognition should be addressed.

This Assembly therefore supports the long standing request that the Greater London Authority and organisations within the Greater London Authority family follow the example of Southwark Council and allows ‘Latin American’ to be included in the ethnicity section of the authorities’ monitoring forms.

This Assembly notes that a further request of the Latin American community is for Portuguese to be included on London Underground ticket machines and urges the Mayor as chair of transport for London to ensure that this reasonable request is fully considered as part of the £20 million investment taking place in the upgrading of ticket machines.”

11.25 Upon being put to the vote the motion in the name of Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, namely:

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This Assembly notes that a further request of the Latin American community is for Portuguese to be included on London Underground ticket machines and urges the Mayor as chair of transport for London to ensure that this reasonable request is fully considered as part of the £20 million investment taking place in the upgrading of ticket machines.”

was agreed unanimously.

12 Date of Next Meeting (Item 12)

12.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly was the Mayor’s Question Time meeting which will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 23 July 2014 in the Chamber, City Hall.

13 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 13)

13.1 There were no urgent items of business.

14 Close of Meeting

14.1 The meeting ended at 1.25pm.

Chairman

Date

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