

# Subject: Action Taken Under Delegated Authority

**Report to: Economy Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 5 March 2015**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out recent action taken by certain Economy Committee Members under delegated authority.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes recent action taken by certain Economy Committee Members under the authority delegated to them, namely:**
- **The Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, agreed the arrangements for a stakeholder engagement event with business on climate change risks (the details of which are attached at Appendix 1);**
  - **The Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, wrote to the Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise on topics arising from the Committee meeting held on 15 January 2015 (as attached at Appendix 2); and**
  - **Fiona Twycross AM, as the Assembly's previous rapporteur on food poverty, agreed letters to stakeholders based on the recommendations made in the Committee's report *A Zero Hunger City* (copies of the letters are attached at Appendices 3 – 5).**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 Under Standing Orders and the Assembly's Scheme of Delegation, certain decisions by Members can be taken under delegated authority. This report details those actions recently taken.
- 3.2 At its 23 October 2014 meeting, the Economy Committee delegated authority to the Chair, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members, to agree the arrangements for a stakeholder engagement event with business on climate change risks, and it was held on 5 December 2014.

- 3.3 At its meeting on the 15 January 2015, the Committee delegated authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to write to the Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise to follow up points raised at during the discussion at that meeting.
- 3.4 On 12 September 2012, the GLA Oversight Committee appointed Fiona Twycross AM as rapporteur on food poverty in London. The report on food poverty in London, *A Zero Hunger City* was published March 2013. Subsequently, authority was delegated to Fiona Twycross AM by the Economy Committee, at its meeting on 15 January 2015, to write letters to stakeholders following on from the recommendations made in that report.

#### **4. Issues for Consideration**

- 4.1 The Chair agreed, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, the arrangements for a stakeholder engagement event with business on climate change risks, the details of which are attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 The Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, wrote to the Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise following on from the discussion that took place at the meeting of the 15 January 2015. A copy of that letter is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 4.3 Fiona Twycross AM agreed letters to stakeholders based on the recommendations made in the Assembly's report *A Zero Hunger City*. Copies of these letters are attached at **Appendices 3 – 5**.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in the report.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

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#### **List of appendices to this report:**

Appendix 1: Climate Change Event Outline (December 2014)

Appendix 2: Letter from the Chair to the Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise, 4 February 2015

Appendix 3: Letter from Fiona Twycross AM to Age UK London, 18 February 2015

Appendix 4: Letter from Fiona Twycross AM to the Trussell Trust, 18 February 2015

Appendix 5: Letter from Fiona Twycross AM to the London Food Board, 18 February 2015

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