

# MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly (Plenary)**  
**Date: Wednesday 8 June 2011**  
**Time: 10.00 am**  
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's  
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Jennette Arnold (Chair)	Nicky Gavron
Dee Doocey (Deputy Chair)	Darren Johnson
Tony Arbour	Jenny Jones
Gareth Bacon	Kit Malthouse
Richard Barnes	Joanne McCartney
John Biggs	Caroline Pidgeon
Andrew Boff	Murad Qureshi
Victoria Borwick	Navin Shah
James Cleverly	Valerie Shawcross
Brian Coleman	Richard Tracey
Roger Evans	Mike Tuffrey

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Richard Barnbrook AM, Len Duvall AM and Steve O'Connell AM.
- 1.2 The Chair informed the Assembly of the recent death of former Greater London Council Member Roland Freeman, who had represented the cities of London and Westminster from 1967 to 1970 and Finchley from 1975 to 1981.
- 1.3 The Chair further informed the Assembly of the recent action which she had taken under delegated authority, namely to agree not to hold a confirmation hearing in relation to the proposed reappointment of Brian Coleman AM to the office of Chairman of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority. The Chair explained that this matter would be reported formally to the Assembly at its next Plenary meeting, which will be held on 20 July 2011.

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

### **2.1 Resolved:**

- (a) That the relevant Assembly Members' membership of Functional Bodies and London Borough Councils, as set out at Item 2 of the agenda, be noted and recorded as personal interests; and**
- (b) That gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out on the Authority's gifts and hospitality register, be noted.**

## **3. Minutes (Item 3)**

### **3.1 Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting held on 18 May 2011 be signed by the Chair as correct record.**

## **4. Question and Answer Session with the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) & the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS): The MPA Budget and the Implications on the Police Service (Item 4)**

- 4.1 The Assembly put questions to Kit Malthouse AM, in his capacity as Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority, and to Tim Godwin, Deputy Commissioner, Metropolitan Police Service, on the MPA Budget and the Implications for the Police Service.
- 4.2 The record of the questions put by Members and the answers given is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 4.3 At the end of the question and answer session, the Chair formally moved the motion set out on the agenda, namely:

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

4.4 This was agreed by the general consensus of the Assembly.

## **5. Question and Answer Session with Edward Lister, Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor, Planning (Item 5)**

5.1 The Assembly put questions to Edward Lister on his role as Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor, Planning.

5.2 The record of the questions put by Members and the answers given is attached as **Appendix 2**.

5.3 At the end of the question and answer session, the Chair formally moved the motion set out on the agenda, namely:

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

5.4 James Cleverly moved and Richard Tracey AM seconded the following amendment to the motion:

Add, “and welcomes the appointment of Edward Lister to the role of Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor, Planning. This Assembly believes his long and distinguished experience in local government will benefit all of London and calls on all Members of the Assembly to disassociate themselves from the disgusting personal attacks made by a member of the public comparing him to a mass murderer and war criminal.”

5.5 In accordance with Standing Order 2.7A, a recorded vote was taken on this amendment. The votes in respect of the amendment were cast as follows:

For the amendment: Tony Arbour AM, Gareth Bacon AM, Richard Barnes AM, Andrew Boff AM, Victoria Borwick AM, James Cleverly AM, Brian Coleman AM, Roger Evans AM, Kit Malthouse AM, Caroline Pidgeon AM, Richard Tracey AM, Mile Tuffrey AM and Dee Doocey AM (Deputy Chair).

Against the amendment: John Biggs AM, Nicky Gavron AM, Jenny Jones AM, Joanne McCartney AM, Murad Qureshi AM, Navin Shah AM, Valerie Shawcross AM, and Jennette Arnold AM (Chair).

Abstention: Darren Johnson AM.

5.6 The amendment was declared carried (with 13 votes cast in favour, 8 votes cast against, with one Member abstaining from voting).

5.7 Upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion as amended, namely:

**“That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked and welcomes the appointment of Edward Lister to the role of Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor, Planning. This Assembly believes his long and distinguished experience in local government will benefit all of London and calls on all Members of the Assembly to disassociate themselves from the disgusting personal attacks made by a member of the public comparing him to a mass murderer and war criminal.”**

was carried (13 votes in favour and 8 votes against).

- 5.8 During the course of the discussion on the amendment to the motion, at 12.30pm, it was proposed and agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 2.9, that the meeting be extended in order to finish consideration of the remaining items on the agenda for the meeting.

## **6. Petitions (Item 6)**

[Note: The Deputy Chair, Dee Doocey AM, took the Chair at 1.10pm.]

- 6.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

- 6.2 Jennette Arnold AM presented a petition with the following prayer:

“We, the undersigned, are opposed to any further reduction in the opening hours of ticket offices at Wanstead and Snaresbrook Central line stations, and across the Tube network. We call on Mayor Boris Johnson and Transport for London to cancel the planned cutbacks.”

- 6.3 **Resolved:**

**That it be agreed to forward the petition to the Mayor, as Chair of Transport for London, for response.**

[Note: The Chair, Jennette Arnold AM, resumed the Chair at 1.12pm.]

- 6.4 Roger Evans AM presented a petition with the following prayer:

“We the undersigned request consideration to be given to a new bus route from the Civic Centre in Dagenham to Hornchurch Town Centre and return to Dagenham via Tesco at Roneo Corner.”

- 6.5 **Resolved:**

**That it be agreed to forward the petition to the Mayor, as Chair of Transport for London, for response.**

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6.6 Valerie Shawcross AM presented a petition with the following prayer:

“We the undersigned call upon the Mayor, as Chair of TfL, and the Members of the Greater London Authority to:

- Immediately install 'Trixi' mirrors at every A Road junction, starting with the A503, Camden Road, then move on to B Roads. Let's have London-wide safety for our cyclists, not a patchwork cover.
- Furthermore, immediately create bike boxes at every stopping point at this dangerous junction.
- Immediately begin work on designated, dedicated cycle routes across Camden so that cyclists have their own clearly defined and safe places to ride.
- Ensure that all London lorry drivers receive appropriate cycle-awareness training; we cannot have different standards for different boroughs.
- Enforce this: keep London lorry drivers who are not appropriately trained off London roads.”

6.7 **Resolved:**

**That it be agreed to forward the petition to the Mayor, as Chair of Transport for London, for a response to those areas for which TfL is responsible, and for comment on those areas which fall outside of TfL's statutory responsibilities.**

6.8 Navin Shah AM presented a petition with the following prayer:

“We the undersigned, residents, taxpayers and frequent visitors of Headstone North Ward in Harrow object most strongly to any proposals to merge the Safer Neighbourhood Teams of Headstone South and Headstone North to the detriment of local and accountable policing in our ward.”

6.9 **Resolved:**

**That it be agreed to forward the petition to the Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority for response.**

## **7. Petitions Update (Item 7)**

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

**That the responses received to the petitions presented at recent Assembly meetings be noted.**

7.3 Andrew Boff AM informed the Assembly that he was not formally presenting to the Assembly the petition in relating to cycling safety to which he had referred during the 18 May 2011 Mayor's Question Time meeting as it did not conform exactly with the relevant provisions of

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the GLA's Standing Orders regarding the presentation of petitions to the London Assembly. He had therefore submitted the petition directly to the Mayor.

## **8. Mayor's Commitments (Item 8)**

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

**That the commitments made by the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, during London Assembly Mayor's Question Time meetings held between May 2008 and May 2011 be noted.**

## **9. Close of Meeting**

9.1 At 1.16pm, Members of the Assembly's Conservative Group left the Chamber, rendering the meeting inquorate. The meeting therefore ended and the remaining business on the agenda was not considered. The Chair of the Assembly read out the names of the Conservative Members who had left the meeting in order that the names be placed on the public record.

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Chair

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Date

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