

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Environment Committee**  
**Date: Thursday 4 June 2015**  
**Time: 10.00 am**  
**Place: Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Darren Johnson AM (Chair)  
Murad Qureshi AM (Deputy Chair)  
James Cleverly AM MP  
Stephen Knight AM  
Steve O'Connell AM

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

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Jennette Arnold OBE AM and Nicky Gavron AM.

**2 Declarations of Interests (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 Agenda 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 London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 13 May 2015, be noted as follows:**

**Darren Johnson AM (Chair)  
Murad Qureshi AM (Deputy Chair)  
Jennette Arnold OBE AM  
James Cleverly AM MP  
Nicky Gavron AM  
Stephen Knight AM  
Steve O'Connell AM**

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

#### **4.1 Resolved:**

**That the terms of reference of the Committee, as agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 13 May 2015, be noted as follows:**

- 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 Londonas 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 be noted:**

*At its Annual Meeting on 1 May 2013, the Assembly agreed to delegate a general authority to Chairs of all ordinary committees and sub-committees to respond on the relevant committee or sub-committee's behalf, following consultation with the lead Members of the party Groups on the committee or sub-committee, 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 meeting held on 3 March 2015 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 and outstanding 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 recent action taken by the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, under delegated authority be noted.**

## 9 Air Pollution in London (Item 9)

9.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on air pollution in London to the following invited guests:

- Jenny Bates – Friends of the Earth London;
- Cllr Feryal Demirci – Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, London Borough of Hackney;
- Anna Heslop – Clean Air Lawyer, ClientEarth;
- Andrea Lee – Healthy Air London Co-ordinator, ClientEarth;
- Sam Longman – Environment Policy Manager, Transport for London;
- Matthew Pencharz – Mayor’s Senior Adviser, Environment and Energy; and
- Elliot Treharne – Air Quality Manager, GLA.

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

9.3 A copy of the letter from the Mayor to the Airport Commission, as referred to throughout the discussion, is attached at **Appendix 2**.

9.4 **Resolved:**

**That the report and discussion be noted.**

## 10 Proposal for an Investigation into Solar Power in London's Homes (Item 10)

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

10.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the scope and terms of reference for an investigation into solar power in London, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report, be agreed; and**
- (b) That a site visit on the 18 June 2015 be held as part of the solar power investigation.**

## **11 Adapting to Severe Weather in London (Item 11)**

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

11.2 **Resolved:**

**That the Committee's report *Come Rain or Shine: London's adaptation to the risks of severe weather*, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.**

## **12 Food Waste in London (Item 12)**

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

12.2 **Resolved:**

**That the letter from the Mayor in response to the Committee's investigation into managing domestic food waste in London, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.**

## **13 Environment Committee Work Programme (Item 13)**

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

13.2 **Resolved:**

**That the work programme for the 2015/16 Assembly year be agreed.**

## **14 Date of Next Meeting (Item 14)**

14.1 The date of the next meeting of the Committee was confirmed as Thursday, 2 July 2015 at 10.00 am in the Chamber, City Hall.

## **15 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 15)**

15.1 There were no items of business that the Chair considered to be urgent.

## 16 Close of Meeting

16.1 The meeting ended at 12.14 pm.

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Chair

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