

# MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly  
(Mayor's Question Time)**  
**Date: Wednesday 17 June 2015**  
**Time: 10.00 am**  
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's  
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

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

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Fiona Twycross AM and Steve O'Connell AM.
- 1.2 On behalf of the London Assembly, the Chair congratulated John Biggs AM on his recent election as Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The Chair also offered the Assembly's congratulations to all those who had received Honours in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, in particular those Londoners who had received Honours.
- 1.3 During the course of the meeting, the Chair welcomed to the public gallery: pupils from Stanhope Primary School in Greenford, Ealing; students from University College London; and visitors from News Associates Journalism School.

## **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 disclosable pecuniary interests.**
- (b) **That the following declarations of receipt of gifts and hospitality not yet reflected on the Authority's register be additionally noted as non-pecuniary interests insofar as that related to Agenda Item 5 (Questions to the Mayor):**
- **Tom Copley AM - attendance at a recent dinner held by Electrical Safety First; and**
  - **Jenny Jones AM - attendance at a recent 100 Powerful Women dinner.**
- 2.3 Further to a query from Kit Malthouse AM MP, the Chair clarified that Members need only declare interests related to an item of business on the agenda of the relevant meeting and that only matters related to the Members' GLA roles need to be declared at GLA meetings.

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

- 3.1 **Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) Meeting held on 21 May 2015 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

#### **4 Mayor's Report (Item 4)**

##### **4.1 Resolved:**

**That the Mayor's Report covering the period from 8 May to 3 June 2015.**

4.2 In accordance with Standing Order 5.4A, the Mayor gave an oral update on matters occurring since the publication of his report. The record of the oral update is attached at **Appendix 1**.

#### **5 Questions to the Mayor (Item 5)**

5.1 The record of the discussion with the Mayor, including oral answers given by the Mayor to Members' questions, is attached as **Appendix 2**.

5.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting is attached as **Appendix 3**.

5.3 During the course of the question and answer session the Chair proposed, and it was agreed, that Standing Order 2.9B be suspended to extend the meeting in order to allow the remaining questions on the priority order paper to be put to the Mayor and for the remaining items of business on the agenda to be considered.

5.4 The Deputy Chair assumed the chair at 12.30pm in order to enable the Chair to put a question to the Mayor. The Chair resumed the chair at 12.36pm.

5.5 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Assembly agreed the motion set out on the agenda in the name of the Chairman, namely:

**"That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked".**

#### **6 Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)**

6.1 It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting which would take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 1 July 2015 in the Chamber, City Hall.

6.2 This meeting would be used principally to put questions to Harvey McGrath, Deputy Chair of the London Enterprise Panel (LEP), and Cathy Walsh OBE, further education representative on the LEP, on the work of the LEP.

## 7 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 7)

7.1 There was no urgent business requiring consideration

## 8 Close of Meeting

8.1 The meeting closed at 12.45pm

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Chair

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