

MINUTES

Meeting: GLA Oversight Committee
Date: Thursday 30 June 2016
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Len Duvall AM (Deputy Chair)
Gareth Bacon AM (Chairman)
Navin Shah AM
Shaun Bailey AM
Sian Berry AM
Tom Copley AM
Steve O'Connell AM
Peter Whittle AM

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

1.1 There were no apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 **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 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee held on 24 May 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

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

4.2 Resolved:

That the outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the GLA Oversight Committee be noted.

5 Head of Paid Service Oral Update (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the oral update of the Head of Paid Service.

5.2 The Head of Paid Service reported that he had discussed with the Senior Management Team the impact of the European Union (EU) referendum result on the GLA's staff, particularly in relation to those members of GLA staff from EU countries outside the UK. He emphasised that it would be some time before the impact on other EU nationals became clear, but that the Mayor was continuing his work to ensure that the Government achieved the best deal for London.

5.3 The Committee noted that the Head of Paid Service would be writing to all staff about the impact of the referendum result, encouraging any staff who had concerns to discuss them with their line manager, the Human Resources Team or the employee assistance programme.

5.4 The Chairman requested details of the number of non-UK EU nationals working for the Greater London Authority, if possible with a breakdown by grade and department.

6 Consultation on Proposed Restructuring of Assembly Party Groups' Teams (Item 6)

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

6.2 The Committee welcomed the proposals as set out in the report.

6.3 **Resolved:**

That the Committee's support for the Head of Paid Service's proposals for the creation and deletion of posts within the Assembly's party Group staffing establishment be noted.

7 Election Review Panel: The Provision of Expert Support (Item 7)

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

7.2 The Chairman reported that the Electoral Commission had recommended that the Assembly use the services of the former Chief Executive of Sunderland City Council.

7.3 In response to a question from Tom Copley AM about whether the Election Review Panel would look at the issue of voter registration, the Scrutiny Team Manager reported that voter registration was not in the Panel's terms of reference. It was agreed that the Panel should consider the issue after it has heard more evidence on the election itself and following publication of the Electoral Commission's report on voter registration, if necessary, seeking a revision to the terms of reference from this Committee.

7.4 **Resolved:**

That the appointment of David Smith, former Chief Executive of Sunderland City Council, to provide consultancy support to the Election Review Panel, with expenditure up to a maximum of £8,000 be approved.

8 Work Programme for the GLA Oversight Committee (Item 8)

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

8.2 Following up Sian Berry AM's proposal at the previous meeting that the Committee consider including data protection and data security within the GLA Group in its work programme, the Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Chairman, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members, to agree the scope, terms of reference and arrangements for a review of data protection and data security.

8.3 **Resolved:**

- (a) **That the work programme for 2016/17 be noted; and**
- (b) **That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members, to agree the scope, terms of reference and arrangements for a review of data protection and data security in the GLA Group.**

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

9.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to be held on Wednesday 20 July 2016 at 2.30pm in Committee Room 5.

10 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 10)

10.1 There were no items of urgent business.

11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting ended at 10.08am.

Chairman

Date

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