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Meeting: Housing Committee
Date: Tuesday 6 December 2016
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Tom Copley AM (Deputy Chair)
Shaun Bailey AM
Sian Berry AM
Leonie Cooper AM
Tony Devenish AM
Nicky Gavron AM
David Kurten AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from the Chair, Andrew Boff AM, for whom Shaun Bailey AM attended as a substitute.
- 1.2 In the Chair's absence, in accordance with Standing Order 2.1B, Tom Copley AM, Deputy Chair of the Housing Committee, presided as Chair.

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 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2016 be signed by the Chair 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 completed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted.

5 Building Smaller Homes to Combat the Housing Crisis (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on building smaller homes to combat the housing crisis to the following invited guests:

- Toby Lloyd, Head of Housing Development, Shelter;
- Nick Cuff, Land Director, Pocket Living
- Adam Challis, Head of Residential Research, Jones Lang LaSalle; and
- Julia Park, Interim Chair, Royal Institute of British Architect's (RIBA) Housing Group.

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

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5.3 During the course of the discussion:

- The Interim Chair of RIBAs Housing Group undertook to provide recent examples of office to residential conversions below 37 square metres; and
- The Land Director, Pocket Living undertook to provide further information on whether modular homes could be built more quickly or more cheaply than traditional builds, and if so, how.

5.4 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and discussion, and the commitments outlined at paragraph 5.3 above, be noted; and**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output from the discussion.**

6 Supported Housing in London (Item 6)

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

6.2 **Resolved:**

That the Committee's report on the current state of supported housing provision in London, *Supported Housing in the Balance*, be agreed.

7 Housing Committee Work Programme (Item 7)

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

7.2 The Deputy Chair in the Chair informed the Committee that, since the publication of the agenda, the Chair had agreed under delegated authority that the meeting on 24 January 2017 would be used for a discussion on the draft Affordable Housing and Viability Supplementary Planning Guidance, which was published on 29 November 2016.

7.3 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the work programme, as set out in the report, be noted;**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members to agree the topic, scope and terms of reference for the Committee's meeting on 28 February 2017.**

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

- 8.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, 24 January 2017 at 10.00am in Committee Room 5, City Hall.

9 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 9)

- 9.1 There were no items of business that the Deputy Chair considered to be urgent.

10 Close of Meeting

- 10.1 The meeting ended at 12.05pm.

Chair

Date

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