

MINUTES

Meeting: London Assembly (Plenary)
Date: Wednesday 25 January 2017
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Tony Arbour AM (Chairman)	Nicky Gavron AM
Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Deputy Chair)	Florence Eshalomi AM
Gareth Bacon AM	David Kurten AM
Kemi Badenoch AM	Joanne McCartney AM
Shaun Bailey AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Sian Berry AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Andrew Boff AM	Keith Prince AM
Leonie Cooper AM	Caroline Russell AM
Tom Copley AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Unmesh Desai AM	Navin Shah AM
Tony Devenish AM	Fiona Twycross AM
Andrew Dismore AM	Peter Whittle AM
Len Duvall AM	

1 Apologies for Absence (Item 1)

- 1.1 There were no apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

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

3.2 **Resolved:**

That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Item 3, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Draft Consolidated Budget 2017-18 (Item 3)

Report of the Mayor (Item 3a)

- 3.1 The Assembly received an oral statement from the Mayor on his Draft 2017/18 Consolidated Budget document.

- 3.2 A copy of the Mayor's statement is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Response by the London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee to the Mayor of London's GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2017-18 Consultation Document (Item 3b)

- 3.3 The Chairman of the Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee, Gareth Bacon AM, presented that Committee's response to the Mayor of London's GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2017/18 Consultation Document.

- 3.4 A copy of the statement by the Chairman of the Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee is attached at **Appendix 2**.

3.5 **Resolved:**

That the response by the London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee to the Mayor of London's GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2017/18 Consultation Document be noted.

Questions to the Mayor on his Draft 2017-18 Consolidated Budget Proposals (Item 3c)

- 3.6 Assembly Members put questions to the Mayor on each of the seven component budgets set out within the Draft Consolidated Budget proposals.

- 3.7 David Bellamy, Chief of Staff and Martin Clarke, Executive Director of Resources, were also in attendance for the duration of the question and answer session.
- 3.8 The record of the questions put by Members, together with the Mayor's answers, is attached as **Appendix 3**.

4 Consideration by the London Assembly of the Mayor of London's Draft Consolidated Budget Proposals 2017-18 (Item 4)

- 4.1 At 12.20pm, the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 1.30pm. The meeting reconvened at 1.30pm in order to debate the budget proposals.
- 4.2 The substantive motion before the Assembly was: "To approve the Draft Consolidated Budget for 2017/18, together with the draft component budgets comprised within it, with or without amendment".
- 4.3 A formal budget amendment was moved by Gareth Bacon AM and seconded by Andrew Boff AM (and is attached as **Appendix 4**).
- 4.4 A formal budget amendment was moved by Caroline Russell AM and seconded by Caroline Pidgeon AM (and is attached as **Appendix 5**).
- 4.5 A formal budget amendment was moved by Sian Berry AM and seconded by Caroline Russell AM (and is attached as **Appendix 6**).
- 4.6 The Assembly then turned to debate the Mayor's Draft Consolidated Budget 2017/18 and the three formal budget amendments.
- 4.7 Following the debate and upon being put to the vote:

The formal budget amendment proposed by Gareth Bacon AM was declared lost (with 8 votes being cast in favour and 15 votes being cast against and 2 abstentions).

The formal budget amendment proposed by Caroline Russell AM was declared lost (with 3 votes being cast in favour and 22 votes being cast against).

The formal budget amendment proposed by Sian Berry AM was declared lost (with 2 votes being cast in favour and 23 votes being cast against).

The Chairman then moved the substantive motion, namely: That the Assembly approves the Draft Consolidated Budget for 2017/18, together with the draft component budgets comprised within it without amendment. Upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion was declared lost (with 12 votes being cast in favour and 13 votes being cast against).

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The Chairman explained that, as no amendments to the Budget had been agreed by a majority, in accordance with Paragraph 8(5) of Schedule 6 to the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), the Assembly was deemed to have approved, without amendment, the Draft Consolidated Budget for 2017/18.

- 4.8 The Chairman announced that this concluded the Assembly's consideration of the Draft Consolidated Budget for 2017/18.

5 Date of Next Meeting (Item 5)

- 5.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting which will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 8 February 2017 in the Chamber, City Hall principally to put questions to the relevant Deputy Mayors on matters concerning the LEAP (London Economic Action Partnership).

6 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 6)

- 6.1 There were no items of urgent business.

7 Close of Meeting

- 7.1 The meeting finished at 2.30pm.

Chairman

Date

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