

MINUTES

Meeting: London Assembly (Plenary)
Date: Wednesday 7 December 2011
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Jennette Arnold OBE (Chair)	Roger Evans
Dee Doocey (Deputy Chair)	Darren Johnson
Tony Arbour	Jenny Jones
Gareth Bacon	Kit Malthouse
Richard Barnbrook	Joanne McCartney
John Biggs	Steve O'Connell
Andrew Boff	Murad Qureshi
Victoria Borwick	Navin Shah
James Cleverly	Valerie Shawcross CBE
Brian Coleman	Richard Tracey
Len Duvall	Mike Tuffrey

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Richard Barnes AM, Nicky Gavron AM and Caroline Pidgeon AM.
- 1.2 The Chair thanked Assembly Members for their attendance at the recent reception to celebrate the contribution of the women's section of the Royal British Legion.
- 1.3 The Chair informed Members that, following a proposal which she had put forward, the GLA had given an oak tree to the people of Norway, on behalf of the people of London, to commemorate the atrocities which took place in Oslo and the island of Utoya on the 22 July 2011.

2. Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 Resolved:

- (a) That the relevant Assembly Members' membership of Functional Bodies and London Borough Councils, as set out at Item 2 of the agenda, be noted and recorded as personal interests;**
- (b) That gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out on the Authority's gifts and hospitality register, be noted; and**
- (c) That Kit Malthouse AM's declaration that he had hosted two fundraising lunches for the Safer London Foundation be additionally noted.**

3. Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the London Assembly meetings held on 12 October 2011 (Mayor's Question Time), 9 November 2011 (Plenary) and 16 November 2011 (Mayor's Question Time) be agreed as correct records, for signature by the Chair.

4. Question and Answer Session: Metropolitan Police Authority and Metropolitan Police Service (Item 4)

- 4.1 The Assembly put questions to Kit Malthouse AM, in his capacity as Chair, of the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA), and Bernard Hogan-Howe, Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, on the work and priorities of the Metropolitan Police Authority and the Metropolitan Police Service.
- 4.2 A transcript of the answers provided in the meeting is attached at **Appendix 1**.

4.3 The written answers to those questions not asked or answered at the meeting is attached at **Appendix 2.**

4.4 During the course of the meeting, the Commissioner undertook:

- To re-examine the proposals for Kingston, Richmond and Twickenham to share custody centres;
- To investigate the possibility of reinstating the use of telephone messaging for contacting vulnerable residents;
- To refer to the ACPO report *Setting the Record* when deciding how to fight human trafficking;
- To consider the conclusions of the report *Whose Name: Migration, Sex Work and Trafficking* by Dr Nick Mei;
- To consider the possibility of providing a list of academic research which underpins the MPS's decisions in relation to policing human trafficking;
- To confirm, once set, the date on which firm proposals in relation to police stations and front counters will be published; and
- To confirm whether there are any plans to close D Division police stations in the north of the city of Westminster.

4.5 The Assembly agreed the following motion, submitted in the name of the Chair:

“That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked.”

5. Petitions Update (Item 5)

5.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

5.2 **Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

6. Establishment of a Police and Crime Committee (Item 6)

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

6.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That a Police and Crime Panel, to be known hereafter as the Police and Crime Committee, be established as an ordinary committee of the Assembly, to become operational immediately upon commencement of the relevant provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011;**
- (b) That the Police and Crime Committee comprise 12 seats and, in accordance with proportionality requirements, that the overall number of seats be divided between the Assembly's party Groups on the following basis: five Conservative Group Members, four Labour Group Members, two Liberal Democrat Group Members and one Green Group Member;**
- (c) That the proposed terms of reference for the Committee, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;**
- (d) That the proposed membership of the Committee, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be agreed;**
- (e) That all Assembly Members not directly appointed to the Committee be named as substitute Members; and**
- (f) That the appointment of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee be delegated to the Committee.**

[Note: Resolutions (a) to (e) were agreed by general consensus. Resolution (f) was agreed upon a vote, with 11 votes being cast in favour and 11 votes being cast against, and upon the use of the Chair's casting vote.]

6.3 At 11.52am, the Members of the Assembly's Conservative Group that were present and Richard Barnbrook AM left the Chamber. The meeting was therefore inquorate and the Chair declared the meeting closed. The Chair stated that she would refer the outstanding business on the agenda to the next appropriate Assembly meeting.

7. Close of Meeting

7.1 The meeting closed at 11.52am.

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