

MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**
Date: Wednesday 14 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)	Darren Johnson
Dee Doocey (Deputy Chair)	Jenny Jones
Tony Arbour	Kit Malthouse
Gareth Bacon	Joanne McCartney
Richard Barnes	Steve O'Connell
John Biggs	Caroline Pidgeon
Andrew Boff	Murad Qureshi
James Cleverly	Navin Shah
Brian Coleman	Valerie Shawcross CBE
Len Duvall	Richard Tracey
Roger Evans	Mike Tuffrey
Nicky Gavron	

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Richard Barnbrook AM and Victoria Borwick AM.
- 1.2 A Supplementary Agenda for this meeting had been issued, that set out business which had been due to be considered by the London Assembly at its Plenary meeting held on 7 December 2011. As the business had not been transacted at that meeting, the Chair had agreed, in accordance with section 100(B)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to refer those items to this meeting as items of urgent business to ensure that they are considered at the earliest opportunity, noting that the 7 December Plenary meeting had taken place after the agenda for this meeting had been issued and noting also that the next opportunity to consider them would otherwise be the London Assembly Mayor's Question Time (Draft Budget) meeting on 25 January 2012.
- 1.3 In accordance with Standing Order 2.2 D, the Chair had decided that all of the business set out in the Supplementary Agenda, other than motions, would be taken prior to receipt of the Mayor's Report and questions to the Mayor.

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 in Item 2 on the agenda, be noted and recorded as personal interests;**
 - (b) That gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out in the Authority's gifts and hospitality register, be noted; and**
 - (c) That Kit Malthouse's declaration of a dinner with Bill Bratton on 12 December 2011, full details of which would be entered into the gifts and hospitality register in due course, be additionally noted.**

3. Proposed Amendments to the GLA's Standing Orders (Item 7)

- 3.1 The Assembly received the report of the Monitoring Officer.
- 3.2 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the revised draft Standing Orders set out at Appendix 1 to the report be approved, and it be agreed:**

- (i) That the Standing Orders in relation to the Police and Crime Committee come into effect immediately upon commencement of the relevant statutory provisions; and
 - (ii) That the Standing Order 3.20 (Scope and Procedure for Lodging Petitions) comes into effect at the close of the meeting; and
- (b) That the draft GLA Guidance on Complaints about the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime set out at Appendix 2 to the report be noted.

4. Revised Compensation Payments Policy (Item 8)

4.1 The Assembly received the report of the Head of Paid Services.

4.2 **Resolved:**

That, upon the Head of Paid Service agreeing to the proposed revisions to the GLA's Compensation Payments Policy set out at Appendix 1 to the report, the proposed changes be applied to the Authority's three statutory officers (noting that this is a matter for joint decision with the Mayor).

5. Revisions to the Statutory Officers' Protocol (Item 9)

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

5.2 **Resolved:**

That the revised Statutory Officers Staffing Protocol set out at Appendix A to the report be approved and adopted (noting that this is a matter for joint decision with the Mayor).

6. Request for use of Section 60 (1) Powers - Budget and Performance Committee (Item 10)

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

6.2 **Resolved:**

That the request of the Budget and Performance Committee to use its powers under Section 60 (1) of the Greater London Authority Act to request that the Mayor responds to the conclusions in the Committee's report, *Pre-Budget Report 2011*, be agreed.

7. Police and Crime Committee (Item 11)

7.1 The Assembly received the report of the Monitoring Officer.

7.2 **Resolved:**

(a) That the proposed arrangements for meetings of the Police and Crime Committee set out at paragraphs 4.1 to 4.6 of the report and the proposed programme of meetings for the remainder of the 2011/12 year be noted; and

(b) That the Police and Crime Committee be requested to consult the Assembly before responding to the MOPC on the Police and Crime Plan.

8. Mayor's Report (Item 3)

8.1 The Assembly noted the Mayor's Report covering the period from 29 September to 30 November 2011.

8.2 In accordance with Standing Order 5.4A, the Chair had agreed to allow the Mayor to give an oral update on matters occurring since the publication of his report. The record of the oral update is set out at **Appendix 1**.

9. Questions to the Mayor (Item 4)

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

9.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or answered during the meeting are attached at **Appendix 3**.

9.3 During the course of the question and answer session, at 12.30pm, 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.

9.4 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Chair formally moved the motion set out on the agenda, namely:

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

10. Date of Next Meeting (Item 5)

10.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Assembly would be a Plenary meeting which would take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 25 January 2012 in the Chamber, City Hall and that this

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meeting would be used principally to discuss and consider the Draft Consolidated Budget for the GLA Group 2012/13.

10.2 Resolved:

That, as in previous years, it be agreed to accept written answers to all questions submitted to the 25 January 2012 London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting under the Mayor's Question Time procedure, in order to devote time to discussion of the Mayor's Draft Consolidated Budget 2012/13.

11. Motions (Item 12)

11.1 The Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 3.12, agreed to treat the motions set out at Item 12 as urgent and to consider them.

11.2 Tony Arbour AM, noting the letter from the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis which was set out on the Supplementary Agenda, withdrew the motion in his name.

11.3 Darren Johnson AM moved and John Biggs AM seconded the following motion:

"This Assembly welcomes Transport for London's participation in the Ethical Trading Initiative, but notes that some companies signed up to the ETI have been exposed as using suppliers associated with serious human rights violations. The Assembly notes that the Worker Rights Consortium offers a complementary initiative to educate workers on codes of conduct that should protect them, investigate worker complaints, and mediate between suppliers and workers to secure decent working conditions, rights and compensation.

This Assembly believes this Worker Rights Consortium initiative could further protect workers and the reputation of London's public institutions.

This Assembly calls on the Greater London Authority, Transport for London, the Metropolitan Police Service and the London Fire Brigade to explore affiliation to the Worker Rights Consortium."

11.4 Upon being put to the vote, the motion, namely:

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This Assembly believes this Worker Rights Consortium initiative could further protect workers and the reputation of London's public institutions.

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was agreed (12 votes cast in favour and 9 votes cast against).

11.5 The statutory Deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes AM, suggested that he arrange a lunchtime briefing for Members on ethical procurement. Assembly Members agreed that this would be useful.

11.6 Jenny Jones AM moved and Valerie Shawcross AM seconded the following motion:

"This Assembly deeply regrets the deaths of cyclists on London's road network and wishes to express its condolences for the loss felt by their relatives and friends. We are concerned that some cyclist deaths and injuries could have been avoided if the road network designs for the locations where these deaths and injuries occurred had been safer. We therefore call on the Mayor and Transport for London to:

- produce a list of the ten most dangerous locations for cyclists on the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN) and all locations in London where a cyclist has died in the last three years;
- report on any proposals that were put forward by cycling and road safety groups as part of official consultation processes for redesigning roads at those locations; and
- provide the reasons why any such proposals were rejected."

11.7 Andrew Boff AM moved and James Cleverly AM seconded the following amendment:

After the words "relatives and friends" replace with:

"We believe that, despite a falling accident rate amongst cyclists, more should be done to increase the confidence that cyclists have in the road network and calls on the Mayor to:

- Publicly engage with cyclists and the London Cycling Campaign on a review of all future major schemes on the Transport for London Road Network;
- Review the design of the major junctions on the Cycle Superhighways and publish the findings;
- Ensure that raw accident data is made publicly available;
- Prepare and publish a design guide to inform and instruct all future schemes."

11.8 Caroline Pidgeon AM moved and Mike Tuffrey AM seconded the following amendment:

Delete bullet points and replace with:

- Provide a comprehensive list of dangerous road junctions across London for cyclists, to include any where a cycling fatality has happened;

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- Carry out a full review of each of these junctions, considering any proposals made by cycling and road safety groups on how to redesign these junctions to make them safer. These reviews should be publically available and include details on why any suggestions have been rejected.
- Secure an agreement with the Department for Transport to roll out Trixi mirrors at all major junctions across London, to help ensure cyclists are visible to drivers
- Look into expanding cycle training across London Boroughs.
- Bring forward proposals to improve cycle safety at Bow roundabout, King's Cross and the junction of Tower Bridge Road and Abbey Street where recent cyclist fatalities have occurred.

11.9 Jenny Jones AM, as mover of the motion and in accordance with Standing Order 3.6, accepted all the amendment in the name of Caroline Pidgeon AM.

11.10 Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Andrew Boff AM was lost (9 votes cast in favour and 12 votes cast against).

11.11 Upon a further vote, the motion in the name of Jenny Jones AM, as amended, namely:

“This Assembly deeply regrets the deaths of cyclists on London's road network and wishes to express its condolences for the loss felt by their relatives and friends. We are concerned that some cyclist deaths and injuries could have been avoided if the road network designs for the locations where these deaths and injuries occurred had been safer. We therefore call on the Mayor and Transport for London to:

- **Provide a comprehensive list of dangerous road junctions across London for cyclists, to include any where a cycling fatality has happened;**
- **Carry out a full review of each of these junctions, considering any proposals made by cycling and road safety groups on how to redesign these junctions to make them safer. These reviews should be publically available and include details on why any suggestions have been rejected.**
- **Secure an agreement with the Department for Transport to roll out Trixi mirrors at all major junctions across London, to help ensure cyclists are visible to drivers**
- **Look into expanding cycle training across London Boroughs.**
- **Bring forward proposals to improve cycle safety at Bow roundabout, King's Cross and the junction of Tower Bridge Road and Abbey Street where recent cyclist fatalities have occurred.”**

was agreed (20 votes cast in favour and no votes cast against).

12. Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 6)

12.1 There was no other urgent business which required consideration.

13. Close of Meeting

13.1 The meeting closed at 1.44pm.

Chair

Date

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