

AGENDA

Meeting **London Assembly (Plenary)**

Date **Thursday 5 November 2020**

Time **10.00 am**

Place **Virtual Meeting**

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Navin Shah AM
Chair of the London Assembly

Tony Arbour AM
Deputy Chairman
Wednesday 28 October 2020

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Certificate Number: FS 80233

**Agenda
London Assembly (Plenary)
Thursday 5 November 2020**

1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements

To receive any apologies for absence and any announcements from the Chair.

2 Declarations of Interests (Pages 1 - 4)

Report of the Executive Director of Secretariat

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The Assembly is recommended to:

- (a) Note the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, as disclosable pecuniary interests;**
- (b) Note the declaration by any Member(s) of any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and the necessary action taken by the Member(s) regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s); and**
- (c) Note the declaration by any Member(s) of any other interests deemed to be relevant (including any interests arising from gifts and hospitality received which are not at the time of the meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality, and noting also the advice from the GLA's Monitoring Officer set out at Agenda Item 2) and to note any necessary action taken by the Member(s) following such declaration(s).**

3 Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

The Assembly is recommended to confirm the minutes of the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting held on 15 October 2020 to be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The appendices to the minutes of the 15 October 2020 (Mayor's Question Time) meeting (including the transcript of the question and answer session with the Mayor) have been circulated to Members separately. Transcripts and written answers for past meetings can be downloaded from <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/whole-assembly>

4 Question and Answer Session: COVID-19 and London's Economy.

Part A:

The Chair will put the following question to Rajesh Agrawal, Deputy Mayor for Business:

“What are the main challenges for London's economy for the next 12 months and beyond, and what steps are London's recovery structures taking to address these.”

Assembly Members will then put supplementary questions, to the guests listed below, arising from the Chair's question and the answer received:

- Rajesh Agrawal, Deputy Mayor for Business;
- Jules Pipe CBE, Deputy Mayor, Planning, Regeneration and Skills and Deputy Chair of the Recovery Taskforce's Economic Recovery Working Group;
- Dr Nick Bowes, Mayoral Director for Policy and Chair of the London Recovery Taskforce; and
- Councillor Georgia Gould, Local Enterprise Partnership for London (LEAP) Board Member, and Chair of the London Recovery Taskforce's Economic Recovery Working Group.

Part B:

Motion submitted in the name of the Chair:

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

5 Petitions (Pages 9 - 12)

Report of the Executive Director of Secretariat

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The Assembly is recommended to note the petition listed in the report and to decide whether to refer the petition, and if so where to, and to seek a response to the points raised.

6 Petitions Update (Pages 13 - 16)

Report of the Executive Director of Secretariat

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The Assembly is recommended to note the response received to a petition presented at the 10 September 2020 Assembly (Plenary) meeting.

7 Motions (Pages 17 - 24)

Report of the Executive Director of Secretariat

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The Assembly is recommended to consider the motions submitted by Assembly Members.

8 Mayoral Commitments (Pages 25 - 34)

Report of the Executive Director of Secretariat

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The Assembly is recommended to note commitments made by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, during London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meetings held between July 2020 and October 2020.

9 Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly will be the Mayor's Question Time meeting which will take place virtually at 10.00am on Thursday 19 November 2020.

10 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent

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Subject: Declarations of Interests	
Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)	
Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat	Date: 5 November 2020
This report will be considered in public	

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out details of offices held by Assembly Members for noting as disclosable pecuniary interests and requires additional relevant declarations relating to disclosable pecuniary interests, and gifts and hospitality to be made.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table below, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests¹;**
- 2.2 **That the declaration by any Member(s) of any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and the necessary action taken by the Member(s) regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s) be noted; and**
- 2.3 **That the declaration by any Member(s) of any other interests deemed to be relevant (including any interests arising from gifts and hospitality received which are not at the time of the meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality, and noting also the advice from the GLA's Monitoring Officer set out at below) and any necessary action taken by the Member(s) following such declaration(s) be noted.**

3. Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 Relevant offices held by Assembly Members are listed in the table overleaf:

¹ The Monitoring Officer advises that: Paragraph 10 of the Code of Conduct will only preclude a Member from participating in any matter to be considered or being considered at, for example, a meeting of the Assembly, where the Member has a direct Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in that particular matter. The effect of this is that the 'matter to be considered, or being considered' must be about the Member's interest. So, by way of example, if an Assembly Member is also a councillor of London Borough X, that Assembly Member will be precluded from participating in an Assembly meeting where the Assembly is to consider a matter about the Member's role / employment as a councillor of London Borough X; the Member will not be precluded from participating in a meeting where the Assembly is to consider a matter about an activity or decision of London Borough X.

Member	Interest
Tony Arbour AM	
Jennette Arnold OBE AM	
Gareth Bacon AM MP	Member of Parliament, Orpington; Member, LB Bexley
Shaun Bailey AM	
Siân Berry AM	Member, LB Camden
Andrew Boff AM	Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe)
Léonie Cooper AM	Member, LB Wandsworth
Unmesh Desai AM	
Tony Devenish AM	Member, City of Westminster
Andrew Dismore AM	
Len Duvall AM	
Florence Eshalomi AM MP	Member of Parliament, Vauxhall
Nicky Gavron AM	
Susan Hall AM	Member, LB Harrow
David Kurten AM	
Joanne McCartney AM	Deputy Mayor
Dr Alison Moore AM	Member, LB Barnet
Steve O'Connell AM	Member, LB Croydon
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM	
Keith Prince AM	
Murad Qureshi AM	
Caroline Russell AM	Member, LB Islington
Dr Onkar Sahota AM	
Navin Shah AM	
Peter Whittle AM	

[Note: LB - London Borough]

3.2 Paragraph 10 of the GLA's Code of Conduct, which reflects the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011, provides that:

- where an Assembly Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered or being considered or at
 - (i) a meeting of the Assembly and any of its committees or sub-committees; or
 - (ii) any formal meeting held by the Mayor in connection with the exercise of the Authority's functions
- they must disclose that interest to the meeting (or, if it is a sensitive interest, disclose the fact that they have a sensitive interest to the meeting); and
- must not (i) participate, or participate any further, in any discussion of the matter at the meeting; or (ii) participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on the matter at the meeting

UNLESS

- they have obtained a dispensation from the GLA's Monitoring Officer (in accordance with section 2 of the Procedure for registration and declarations of interests, gifts and hospitality – Appendix 5 to the Code).

3.3 Failure to comply with the above requirements, without reasonable excuse, is a criminal offence; as is knowingly or recklessly providing information about your interests that is false or misleading.

- 3.4 In addition, the Monitoring Officer has advised Assembly Members to continue to apply the test that was previously applied to help determine whether a pecuniary / prejudicial interest was arising - namely, that Members rely on a reasonable estimation of whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, could, with justification, regard the matter as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.
- 3.5 Members should then exercise their judgement as to whether or not, in view of their interests and the interests of others close to them, they should participate in any given discussions and/or decisions business of within and by the GLA. It remains the responsibility of individual Members to make further declarations about their actual or apparent interests at formal meetings noting also that a Member's failure to disclose relevant interest(s) has become a potential criminal offence.
- 3.6 Members are also required, where considering a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom they have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £50 within the previous three years or from the date of election to the London Assembly, whichever is the later, to disclose the existence and nature of that interest at any meeting of the Authority which they attend at which that business is considered.
- 3.7 The obligation to declare any gift or hospitality at a meeting is discharged, subject to the proviso set out below, by registering gifts and hospitality received on the Authority's on-line database. The on-line database may be viewed here:
<https://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/gifts-and-hospitality>.
- 3.8 If any gift or hospitality received by a Member is not set out on the on-line database at the time of the meeting, and under consideration is a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom a Member has received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £50, Members are asked to disclose these at the meeting, either at the declarations of interest agenda item or when the interest becomes apparent.
- 3.9 It is for Members to decide, in light of the particular circumstances, whether their receipt of a gift or hospitality, could, on a reasonable estimation of a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, with justification, be regarded as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest. Where receipt of a gift or hospitality could be so regarded, the Member must exercise their judgement as to whether or not, they should participate in any given discussions and/or decisions business of within and by the GLA.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The legal implications are as set out in the body of this report.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985	
List of Background Papers: None	
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MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**
Date: Thursday 15 October 2020
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Virtual Meeting

Copies of the minutes may be found at:

www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/whole-assembly

Present:

Navin Shah AM (Chair)	Susan Hall AM
Tony Arbour AM (Deputy Chairman)	David Kurten AM
Jennette Arnold OBE AM	Joanne McCartney AM
Shaun Bailey AM	Dr Alison Moore AM
Siân Berry AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Andrew Boff AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Léonie Cooper AM	Keith Prince AM
Unmesh Desai AM	Murad Qureshi AM
Tony Devenish AM	Caroline Russell AM
Andrew Dismore AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Len Duvall AM	Peter Whittle AM

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

- 1.1 The Chair explained that, in accordance with Government regulations, the meeting was being held on a hybrid basis with some Assembly Members attending in person and some participating remotely. The Chair welcomed multimedia journalism students of Westminster University, who were watching the meeting online.
- 1.2 The Clerk read the roll-call of Assembly Members who were in attendance and participating remotely. Apologies for absence were received from Gareth Bacon AM MP, Florence Eshalomi AM MP and Nicky Gavron AM.
- 1.3 On behalf of the Assembly, the Chair offered condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Sergeant Matt Ratana, who had been tragically killed earlier in the month.
- 1.4 The Chair provided an update on recent Assembly activity, including: the celebration of Black History Month in London; the Health Committee's letter to the Mayor of London highlighting the issue that some Londoners cannot book or get a home test for COVID-19, as they are invisible on the credit system; and the Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning and Housing Committees' letter to the Mayor of London on the problems facing Londoners who find themselves unable to move or remortgage their homes, due to difficulties obtaining an EWS1 form.
- 1.5 On behalf of the Assembly, the Chair also offered congratulations to all Londoners and GLA family colleagues who had received awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, in particular Mike Brown CBE MVO, who becomes a Commander of the Order of the British Empire, in recognition for services to transport.

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 from the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting held on 10 September 2020 and the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting held on 17 September 2020 be signed by the Chair as correct records.

4 Mayor's Report (Item 4)

- 4.1 The Assembly noted the Mayor's Report covering the period from 4 September to 1 October 2020.
- 4.2 In accordance with Standing Order 5.4A, the Mayor gave an oral update on matters occurring since the publication of his report. The record of the oral update is attached at **Appendix 1**.

5 Questions to the Mayor (Item 5)

- 5.1 The record of the discussion with the Mayor, including oral answers given by the Mayor to Members' questions, is attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 5.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 5.3 The Deputy Chairman assumed the Chair from 11.22am to 11.30am for the duration of question 2020/3588.
- 5.4 From 11.49am to 11.52am, the Chair paused the question and answer session so that the Mayor could make a brief statement, responding to the announcement in Parliament on COVID-19 that London would become subject to tier 2 restrictions, as an extension of his oral update.
- 5.5 During the course of the question and answer session 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.
- 5.6 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Assembly agreed the motion set out on the agenda in the name of the Chair, namely:

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

6 Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)

- 6.1 The next meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting which was scheduled to take place at 10.00am on 5 November 2020 as a virtual meeting.

7 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 7)

7.1 There were no items of urgent business.

8 Close of Meeting

8.1 The meeting ended at 12.53pm.

Chair

Date

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Subject: Petitions	
Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)	
Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat	Date: 5 November 2020
This report will be considered in public	

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out details of a petition to be presented at this meeting by an Assembly Member.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly is recommended to note the petition listed in the report and to decide whether to refer the petition, and if so where to, and to seek a response to the points raised.**

3. Background

- 3.1 Standing Orders 3.20 to 3.21 make provision for the presentation of petitions by an Assembly Member at an ordinary meeting of the Assembly.

A petition to be presented must:

- (a) Be addressed to the Mayor, the Assembly, a Functional Body (as the case may be);
- (b) Clearly indicate the name, address and contact telephone number of the person organising the petition, or where the petition was organised on the internet, its data controller;
- (c) Be presented in the form of printed sheets, each of which includes the “prayer” of the petition (the “prayer” is the formal request or other subject matter of the petition) or, if the petition was organised on the internet, clearly demonstrate that internet users who subscribed to the petition knew what the prayer was;
- (d) Include each petitioner’s name (which may be printed or be in the form of a signature, provided that the signature is legible) and address (sufficient that the person and their address can be identified) or, where the petition was organised on the internet, their names and email addresses;
- (e) Indicate the total number of manual or electronic signatories to the petition;

- (f) Young people aged 17 or under signing a petition may give their address as that of the school, or other recognised youth group or similar organisation that they attend (with details of their class name where appropriate), provided that the lead petitioner is a teacher at or leader of that school or youth group or similar organisation;
 - (g) Indicate the total number of manual or electronic signatories to the petition; and
 - (h) Refer to matters within the responsibilities of the Mayor, the London Assembly or the functional bodies, or to matters of importance to Londoners, including those who visit, live or work in Greater London.
- 3.2 Notice of the intention to present a petition at an Assembly meeting and a copy of the petition must be given to the Executive Director of the Secretariat by no later than 12 noon six clear working days before that meeting.
- 3.3 Under Standing Orders the Member presenting the petition will read out the prayer of the petition (but not the signatories). The Assembly will not debate the petition. If the Assembly agrees without debate, the petition will be forwarded to the Mayor, Functional Body, relevant committee or other organisation with a request for a response to the points made by the petitioner. The response received will be reported to the Assembly for information and forwarded to the petition's organiser. The prayer of the petition and the response received will be published in the appropriate Assembly Minutes.

4. Petition to be presented

- 4.1 Notice of the following petition has been received:
- 4.2 A petition received by **Tony Arbour AM** is to be presented to the London Assembly, in accordance with Standing Orders 3.20 to 3.21, saying:
- “We urge the Mayor to listen to the community and reject the proposals for the Mortlake Brewery site (GLA references 4172, 4172A, 4172B). The current plans are entirely inappropriate for the local area. The excessive number of housing units would place significant pressure on already overburdened infrastructure. Proposed building heights are excessive, would impact on an iconic listed building and are not in keeping with the surrounding area. Most importantly, the current plans do not provide the sort of housing the city genuinely needs - affordable, family houses.”**
- 4.3 It is recommended that this petition be forwarded to the Mayor for London.
- 4.4 The online copy of the petition currently has 770 signatories. The contact person for this petition is: Nicholas Rogers, 4 Falconhurst, The Crescent, Surbiton KT6 4BP.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 By virtue of sections 59, 34 and 53 of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), the Assembly has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

- 5.2 Under Standing Order 3.20 the petitions presented to the Assembly, together with the pages containing the names and addresses of the signatories to the petition, are documents to which the access to information rules from sections 100A - H and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 apply.
- 5.3 Any applications from Members to see the names and addresses of the signatories to the petition will be considered by the Executive Director of Secretariat on a case by case basis and in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: None.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None.
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Subject: Petitions Update	
Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)	
Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat	Date: 5 November 2020
This report will be considered in public	

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Assembly is asked to note the response received to a petition presented at a recent Assembly meeting.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly notes the response received to a petition presented at the 10 September 2020 Assembly (Plenary) meeting.**

3. Background

- 3.1 In accordance with the procedure set out in the Authority's Standing Orders, Assembly Members may present petitions to the Assembly concerning any matter within the responsibilities of the Mayor of London, the London Assembly or the Functional Bodies, or otherwise of importance to Londoners.
- 3.2 Any responses received are reported to the Assembly for information.
- 3.3 The response to a petition presented by Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM to the Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 10 September 2020. The petition prayer was as follows:
- “We the undersigned call on London Mayor Sadiq Khan and the Government to keep Chiswick police station open permanently; and Ealing and Hounslow Councils to stand up to the Mayor and the Government on this issue.”
- 3.4 The Assembly resolved that the petition be forwarded to the Mayor of London for a response, which is set out at **Appendix 1**.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 Appendix 1 contains the response received from the Mayor to the petition.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Assembly has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct finance implications arising from this report

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Letter from the Mayor to Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM dated 30 September 2020

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List of Background Papers: None.
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MAYOR OF LONDON

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

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Our ref: MGLA110920-3916

Date: 30 September 2020

Dear Caroline,

Thank you for the petition presented at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 10 September about the status of Chiswick Police Station.

Although the reopening of Chiswick police station was as a temporary measure while Hounslow Police Station was being refurbished, I understand that there are those within the local community who have valued having access to the station in Chiswick and the availability of a police front counter there.

However, as my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime described in her previous letter to you regarding Wimbledon Police Station, while the close proximity of a station can offer reassurance to some people, there is no evidence that the presence of a nearby police station reduces crime. In addition, although emergency response officers start and finish their shift at a police building, they generally respond to incidents either from the location of the previous incident they attend or while patrolling in a specified area. The proximity of a police building should not affect the response times of the police.

When my Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) and the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) explored the use of front counters in 2016, it was found that just 8% of crimes were reported this way, down from 22% in 2006. Many police front counters in London were found to be poorly used and expensive to run. There are many other ways for Londoners to contact the police, the most popular being by phone (around 70% of crimes are reported this way). The MPS has recognised this and diversified the ways in which Londoners can contact them, especially through the development of an improved website, but there will always be the option of face-to-face contact with the police, and the majority of Londoners will be within 30 minutes travel of a front counter.

The decision to close front counters was not one I took lightly. The Government's significant and sustained cuts to police budgets have forced me to make the difficult decision to protect the levels of officers on the beat by closing some front counters, including Chiswick. I believe this is the best way to protect the public. I made the decision to close police front counters after holding the widest possible consultation, with public meetings in every London borough. I also committed to ensuring that one 24/7 operational police front counter remains in every borough across London.

In the light of the announcement of the national uplift of 20,000 police officers across the UK, with an initial tranche of 1,369 officers for London, the MPS and MOPAC are reviewing their estate strategy. However, the Government has been slow to identify how future allocations of funding to support this vital uplift in officers will be made. Once we have more detail, the MPS will assess their operational requirements in Hounslow and I will, of course, keep you updated on developments.

MAYOR OF LONDON

Thank you again for raising your concerns about Chiswick Police Station. I hope this letter helps to provide an update on the current situation and reassures you that I am committed to ensuring that all Londoners can access the police easily and effectively.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the 'h'.

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

Subject: Motions	
Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)	
Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat	Date: 5 November 2020
This report will be considered in public	

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Assembly is asked to consider the motions set out which have been submitted by Assembly Members.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly considers the motions submitted by Assembly Members as set out below.**

3. Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Andrew Boff AM** and will be seconded by Tony Devenish AM:

“This Assembly urges the Mayor to invite Taipei to be a sister city with London.”

- 3.2 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Steve O’Connell AM** and will be seconded by Unmesh Desai AM:

“This Assembly sends its deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Sgt Matt Ratana. The Assembly further urges the Mayor to work with the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis to ensure that all practical measures are put in place to ensure the safety of Officers.”

- 3.3 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Tony Devenish AM** and will be seconded by Jennette Arnold OBE AM:

“This Assembly strongly supports the adoption of tighter public health standards on both Tube noise and excessive vibrations, and urges Transport for London to make Tube noise reduction a priority.”

3.4 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Tony Devenish AM** and will be seconded by Andrew Boff AM:

“This Assembly calls on the Mayor to set a date to publish an Economic Recovery Strategy for London as soon as possible, in order to support businesses across London in planning for their futures.”

3.5 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Siân Berry AM** and will be seconded by Caroline Russell AM:

“This Assembly notes that:

- **Financial security is critical to a stable and thriving society.**
- **According to Trust for London close to a third of Londoners live in poverty; even before the coronavirus crisis our city had the highest poverty rates in the UK**
- **A Universal Basic Income (UBI) could help alleviate poverty, opening the door to opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach, and liberate people from the anxiety of job insecurity through a monthly income regardless of employment status, wealth, or marital status.**
- **A network of UBI Labs has been set up and works with local authorities across the UK developing UBI proposals to address problems such as poverty, inequality, discrimination and environmental damage, long-term and immediately, in relation to coronavirus.**
- **There are many potential benefits to a UBI including:**
 - **More flexible workforce and greater freedom to change jobs;**
 - **Supporting a caring economy to value unpaid work;**
 - **Removing the negative impacts of benefit sanctions and conditionality;**
 - **Breaking the link between work and consumption, thus helping reduce strain on the environment; and**
 - **Enabling greater opportunities for people to work in community and cultural activities or to train or reskill in areas that will be needed to transition to a lower-carbon economy**
- **The current crisis has increased the risk of poverty for many Londoners. This is the right time to trial Universal Basic Income.**

This Assembly calls on the Mayor to:

- **Write to the Government calling for a fully evaluated basic income in the city; and**
- **Work with local authorities to help test UBI in London. ”**

- 3.6 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Navin Shah AM** and will be seconded by Jennette Arnold OBE AM:

“This Assembly re-affirms its commitment to achieve a more equal city for all Londoners, regardless of race, gender, sexuality, faith or disability. We recognise in particular the unique leadership role that the GLA (Greater London Authority) can play in setting an example to organisations throughout the capital.

We welcome the leadership the Mayor has shown in achieving this aim. The GLA publishes an annual gender pay gap report, as is required by legislation, but goes further and also publishes an annual ethnicity pay gap report. These documents are a vital step in shining light on income disparity within the GLA family while accompanying action plans which set out concrete steps to reduce pay gaps. This Assembly fully supports these activities.

This Assembly believes that this good practice should be extended to the disability pay gap. On average, disabled Londoners are paid 15% less than their non-disabled counterparts. Disabled Londoners face societal and employment barriers including being given fewer responsibilities at work, false assumptions about productivity and unconscious bias.

Conducting an annual disability pay gap report and accompanying action plan would demonstrate that City Hall is leading from the front in our desire to reduce the disability pay gap for all. As such, the Assembly calls on the Mayor to work with the Chief Officer to conduct a yearly disability pay audit and accompanying action plan for the whole GLA family.

In order to make the most effective use of this information, data collection must also be improved. Therefore, this Assembly further calls on the Mayor to work with the Chief Officer to develop an action plan aimed at improving data collection of disabilities during the recruitment process; improving awareness of staff self-declaration processes; and improving the confidence of staff to self-report disabilities.”

- 3.7 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Dr Alison Moore AM** and will be seconded by Len Duvall AM:

“This Assembly notes the financial difficulties that Transport for London (TfL) is facing solely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. London is the only major city in western Europe that hasn’t received direct Government funding to run day to day transport services, since the agreement to remove the Operating Grant in 2015. This financial model imposed by Boris Johnson as Mayor has resulted in TfL relying very heavily on passenger fares to pay for the services they run, income of which fell by 90 per cent during lockdown and remains lower than this time last year, because Londoners are following Government advice and only travelling where absolutely necessary.

This Assembly welcomes Sadiq Khan’s achievement in reducing TfL’s operating deficit from £1.5 billion under former Mayor of London Boris Johnson, to £200 million, a 71 per cent reduction, and increasing cash reserves by 13 per cent.

This Assembly agrees with the Mayor and strongly opposes the Government's conditions to the funding which penalises Londoners for doing the right thing during this pandemic. The Government's proposed conditions include removing free travel permanently for under-18s, a removal of the 60+ photocard, for fares to rise above inflation, for the £15 Congestion Charge to be expanded to the North and South Circular and to introduce a new council tax precept for Londoners to pay again for London's transport.

This Assembly urges the Secretary of State for Transport Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP to meet the Mayor's request to provide the £2.2 billion over the next 6 months and £2.9 billion for next financial year as requested, to fully support TfL as COVID-19 restrictions continue to depress Tube and bus passenger numbers.

This Assembly requires full transparency from the Government on this issue and therefore agrees for the Chair of the London Assembly to write to Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP to request he allows the full publication of the new funding package and the KPMG Review immediately."

- 3.8 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Dr Onkar Sahota AM** and will be seconded by Unmesh Desai AM:

"This Assembly is deeply concerned about the impact of COVID-19 on the livelihoods of tens of thousands of workers at London's airports and on their communities, and the knock-on effects this will have on the London economy.

This Assembly notes that it has been a deeply difficult time for the airline industry and that it is vital, going forward, that there is a real plan to protect jobs. This Assembly further notes that, following the Chancellor's announcement last month of the creation of the Job Support Scheme, the unions have called on Heathrow Airport Limited to halt its 'brutal' plans to fire and re-hire thousands of workers.

This Assembly agrees for the Chair of the Assembly to write to John Holland-Kaye, Chief Executive Officer of Heathrow Airport, calling on him to withdraw the section 188 notices that have been issued to workers, and to ensure that there are no changes to those workers' pay and terms and conditions. The Assembly also calls on the Mayor of London to write to Mr Holland-Kaye to urge him to do everything in his power to protect jobs.

This Assembly also agrees for the Chair of the London Assembly to write to the Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, asking him to lay out his long term plan for protecting these jobs and this industry going forward, and calling on him to extend the 80% furlough scheme for 12 months for workers in the aviation industry, with an option to 'taper' where needed."

- 3.9 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Unmesh Desai AM** and will be seconded by Léonie Cooper AM:

“This Assembly notes with concern that shopworkers are frequently the targets of threats, abuse and assaults, and that since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak, the volume of such threats, abuse and assaults on shopworkers has more than double compared with 2019 – to the point where the average worker is subject to an incident of this kind every 6.5 days.

This Assembly further notes the important role played by shopworkers as key workers in our society, something which became clear to us all during the most restrictive phase of the lockdown. This Assembly also notes the importance of social distancing and wearing face coverings in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and that shopworkers are often attacked for enforcing the Government restrictions.

This Assembly believes that all workers have the right to do their work without being at risk of threat, abuse or assault and that the current situation faced by shopworkers is absolutely unacceptable and to be condemned.

This Assembly supports The Assaults on Retail Workers (Offences) Bill as proposed by Alex Norris MP and subsequently objected to by the Government with the second reading delayed to 30 October 2020. The Bill calls to make certain offences, including malicious wounding, grievous or actual bodily harm and common assault, aggravated when perpetrated against a retail worker in the course of their employment. The Bill is supported by 23 major British retailers and the sector’s leading industry bodies.

This Assembly calls on the Mayor of London to write to the Home Secretary, the Rt Hon Priti Patel MP, and urge her to introduce legislation that creates a specific offence of threatening, abusing or assaulting a shopworker, carrying a sufficient penalty to act as a deterrent and address this shameful situation.”

- 3.10 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Léonie Cooper AM** and will be seconded by Andrew Dismore AM:

“The Assembly recognises the increasing distress faced by leaseholders and tenants in buildings where EWS1 forms are being demanded by banks, lenders and estate agents in order to sell an affected property, grant a mortgage or a re-mortgage.

This Assembly welcomes the 10 steps promoted by the End Our Cladding Scandal campaign, including robust targets and urgent government action to address the remediation of buildings found to be dangerous. There are currently 430 tall buildings requiring waking watches in London due to fire safety concerns; and the Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee recently heard from the London Fire Brigade Commissioner that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government estimates up to 72,000 buildings in London are potentially at high risk, impacting on many thousands of Londoners.

Estimates by London’s housing associations suggest that the cost of remediation in their properties alone will be £4 billion. Whilst the Assembly welcomes the £1.6 billion provided by Government towards the remediation of dangerous cladding in buildings of all types of tenure across the UK, it is clear that this is nowhere near sufficient to make all affected buildings safe.

This Assembly notes that obtaining EWS1 forms is the duty of freeholders and takes far too long, with estimates running into years because of insufficient numbers of chartered fire safety inspectors nationwide, many of whom are unable to acquire the professional indemnity insurance that would allow them to sign off EWS1 forms.

The demand for EWS1 Forms has also been significantly increased due to the Government’s ill advised consultation on extending the need for such forms to buildings over 11 metres, not just 18 metres as originally proposed. This has contributed to the backlog of inspections, slowing down the pace of remediation and making many leaseholders ‘mortgage prisoners’, legally obliged to accept escalating service charges for temporary fire precautions and spiralling building insurance costs whilst also facing valuations of zero equity for their properties. This has caused many leaseholders to suffer financial, personal and emotional strain resulting in profound mental health problems.

The Assembly calls on the Mayor to write urgently to the Minister for Building Safety and Communities asking him to intervene urgently to address the crisis facing leaseholders, including ensuring the availability of affordable professional indemnity insurance for fire safety inspectors to enable them to conduct surveys for EWS1 forms; and to act to increase the numbers of inspectors . The Assembly also calls on the Mayor to lobby the Government to increase the funds available for remediation works and to plug the loopholes in the schemes, so that all residents who are victims of the cladding and other inadequate fire precautions scandals do not face unaffordable service charge bills and can live safely in their own homes.”

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Assembly has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct finance implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: None.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers: None.

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Subject: Mayoral Commitments

Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 5 November 2020

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the commitments made by the Mayor, Sadiq Khan, in response to queries or requests made by Assembly Members during London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meetings held between July 2020 and October 2020.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly notes commitments made by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, during London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meetings held between July 2020 and October 2020.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Assembly questions the Mayor at Mayor's Question Time meetings, in public, ten times a year as part of its role of holding him to account. Questions put to the Mayor by the Assembly Members cover the full range of the Mayor's responsibilities (including policing, the fire service, regeneration and transport) and can also range into almost any issue of concern to Londoners. The appendix to this report reflects the Mayoral responsibilities, being ordered by subject, and then by date.
- 3.2 During the course of Mayor's Question Time meetings, the Mayor may make commitments in response to queries or requests raised by Assembly Members and these are reported to the Assembly on a quarterly basis.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The commitments made by the Mayor at Mayor's Question Time between July 2020 and October 2020 are set out at **Appendix 1**.

- 4.2 The commitments made by the Mayor at Mayor’s Question Time since May 2016 are set out at **Appendix 2**. This Appendix is circulated separately for Members and officers only but is available from the following area of the GLA’s website:
www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/whole-assembly

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List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Commitments made by the Mayor at Mayor’s Question Time meetings between July 2020 and October 2020.

Appendix 2 – Commitments made by the Mayor at Mayor’s Question Time meetings since May 2016.

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Transport

Barkingside South LTN (Supplementary) [3]

Question Number: 2020/3638

15 October 2020

Steve O'Connell AM

Steve O'Connell AM: Mr Mayor, I will be brief on this. I have listened to the debate. The issue in my neck of the woods is a cross-border consultation. I am talking about the Crystal Palace area that is the conjunction of five boroughs. The main effect, I believe, is the imposition of the LTNs - which in principle, with proper consultation, I have no objection to - and the effect on the adjoining borough of Bromley. I would urge - I have written to TfL - your support that there is proper consultation and indeed that that consultation cuts across adjoining boroughs because it does affect residents in their normal business running across both boroughs. Would you accept and confirm that, Mr Mayor, if possible?

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): Yes, I know the area well. He is right. It is literally five boroughs in that Palace area. There are consequences in relation to what Borough A may do on other boroughs and there are other examples across London as well.

Steve O'Connell AM: Exactly.

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): I am more than happy if he wants me to look into any particular cases. [Deputy Mayor for Transport] Heidi Alexander is doing a good job trying to negotiate them. However, he is absolutely right. There is an anomaly - I do not want to call it a loophole - that means that Borough B can often have adverse consequences because of very good policies in Borough A that are working for Borough A but lead to displacement and other challenges.

Barkingside South LTN (Supplementary) [2]

Question Number: 2020/3638

15 October 2020

Shaun Bailey AM

Shaun Bailey AM: Mr Mayor, you say these are council schemes and they are being supported by TfL. That is correct, I am sure. However, in the Redbridge case in particular there are some real safety concerns. I am wondering if you can prompt TfL to support the Council more because the Council is not listening to local residents. The very particular safety concern I am talking about is the signage. Much of the signage for the low-traffic neighbourhoods is incorrect and in one example in particular there is no signage and so cars are turning off the A12, being confronted with a barrier and then having to back onto the A12, which is, of course, highly dangerous. I wonder if you can get TfL to have a look at that because the residents have not been able to get the Council to do anything about it.

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): Chair, you will appreciate I am not fully sighted on an issue with the A12. However, if the Member wants to email my office I am more than happy to look at particular concerns, particularly if they are safety concerns.

Barkingside South LTN

Question Number: 2020/3638

15 October 2020

Keith Prince AM

Keith Prince AM: Can I start, Mr Mayor, by thanking you for the reintroduction of motorcycle training? As you are aware, there has been an increase in motorcycle deaths over the last figures. I was wondering whether you would be able to help me and agree that I could organise a roundtable with the Deputy Mayor for Transport to discuss this issue around motorcycle deaths, bringing in experts like Motorcycle Action Group and so on, so that we can see what we can do about that.

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): Assembly Member Prince has been a really good champion for motorcycle safety and some of the issues that have been brought to my attention. I am more than happy - because he is always very collegiate and always has good ideas - to arrange for a meeting, a roundtable as he has suggested, with Deputy Mayor for Transport Heidi Alexander.

Keith Prince AM: Thank you, Mr Mayor. Do you think it is right that there was little or no consultation with the blue light services, which has resulted in a number of delays in them attending emergency callouts and there does seem to be a need for urgent change to some of the schemes just to allow access for emergency services?

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): It is worth reminding all of us that the schemes across London arose from an Emergency Traffic Order that the Government introduced for good reasons. The Government was keen to avoid a car-led recovery but also deal with the pandemic and to allow social distance to be kept and the rest of it. My understanding is that the councils have been speaking regularly with the blue-light services and they will continue to do so. Any changes that need to be made because of concerns raised by blue-light services are made by councils across London, I have seen for myself them doing so, and indeed by TfL on some of its schemes.

However, if he is aware of any particular issues in Redbridge that are causing the emergency services problems, please, if he has not had any success with the Council or anybody else, let us know and we can make sure we raise any concerns from the emergency services with the Council and make any changes that are required to be made.

Keith Prince AM: Thank you very much, Mr Mayor. That is really helpful, thank you.

Oral Update to the Mayor's Report (Supplementary) [1]

Question Number: 2020/3783

15 October 2020

Caroline Russell AM

Caroline Russell AM: Thank you, Chair. Very briefly, Mr Mayor, I want to pick up on one point that was in your letter to the Prime Minister this morning that went out on Twitter, which is the point about people needing to pass credit reference checks in order to access home testing. Otherwise, they have to use walk-in or drive-through testing facilities, which I agree with you is hard for older and disabled people, particularly people without access to a car.

Is this a gap you can resolve through our transport services? Have you thought about supplying COVID-secure taxis so that people without cars can get to testing centres? Many taxis are sitting idle at the moment because there is not the volume of work. I was talking to the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association (LTDA) about that just yesterday.

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): Transport for London (TfL), Chair, is currently in negotiations with the Department for Transport (DfT) and you will be aware of the conditions attached to us in relation to any additional expenditure. I am happy to pass on to the negotiating team the suggestion made from the Assembly Member about the possibility to do just that.

Caroline Russell AM: Thank you very much, Mr Mayor.

Safeguarding the interests of disabled people

Question Number: 2020/3293

15 October 2020

Caroline Russell AM

Caroline Russell AM: With physical distancing set to run through the winter, will you ensure that the pavements that are widened are fully accessible like the ones in Brixton and Camden.

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): Chair, I am not sighted on the details but I am more than happy to look at the suggestion that Assembly Member Russell raises. I understand why she raises it. Can I take that away and come back to you?

Caroline Russell AM: Absolutely. Thank you very much. I have also seen a few Streetspace schemes where tactile or blister paving, which enables visually impaired people to find a crossing, is in place, for example, on Park Lane for the bus stop bypasses. It can be done. Why is tactile paving not being used on all Streetspace schemes including the borough ones?

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): Firstly, I am not excusing. I am just explaining. It was the speed of getting them done in light of the deadlines set by the Government. This is not a criticism of the Government, either.

Again, if there are examples where we are not using the right equipment like the tactile stuff that is really important for visually impaired people, I am really happy offline to speak to the Assembly Member, Chair. What all of us want is to make sure that everyone will take advantage, including those with disability issues. I am more than happy to look into that.

Caroline Russell AM: That is great. Thank you very much. The groups that I have spoken with have raised specific concerns about equality impact assessments on Streetspace schemes. Will you ensure that the equality impact assessments are, as Transport for All have asked, robust, meaningful and coproduced so that you can fully involve local disabled people in checking the impact of any schemes on their neighbouring streets?

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): We are in danger of being in agreement on everything.

Caroline Russell AM: That is marvellous.

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): I am not sure that does her street cred much good. That makes perfect sense to me.

Caroline Russell AM: I am almost out of time here. I just wanted to say that these simple things like having very smooth pavements, dropped curves and tactile paving are absolutely crucial for disabled Londoners to get around safely. New temporary measures can be accompanied with details like a tapping rail to indicate where space is being used for tables and chairs to help visually impaired people get past safely.

I will write you with more details on those ideas. As we go into winter with this need to stay physically apart, these Streetspace schemes need improving, not removing. Thank you. I have no further questions.

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): Thank you. I am really happy to work with the Assembly Member on this. It is a really good example of ideas she has that we can action that will improve life for everyone.

Caroline Russell AM: Thank you, Mr Mayor.

Hammersmith Bridge Full Closure (Supplementary) [1]

Question Number: 2020/2857 17 September 2020 Tony Devenish AM

Tony Devenish AM: Good morning, Mr Mayor. Will you look at the frequency of the 533 bus as one way to mitigate the issue we have just been discussing?

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): I will look into that, Chair. I will get the Deputy Mayor [for Transport] or the Commissioner [of TfL] to write to the Member to respond to that point.

Ultra Low Emission Zone

Question no: 2020/2569

17 September 2020

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM: Thank you. I want to be sure that with the extension of the ULEZ you really are planning ahead and ensuring the technology can be flexible and adapt to new challenges in tackling congestion and pollution on London's roads.

When will the contract that has been signed by TfL be published so that we can assess your plans?

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): I am not aware. Can I look into that and write back to you and let you know --

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM: We have seen in the summer that a contract was signed, I believe, with Capita but it has not been published yet.

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): Chair, through you, can I write back to the Member to give her the answer? I am not aware of having that information with me, but I will write back to her and let her know.

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM: Thank you. There are many questions that we would want to have answers to. For example, will the cameras be able to specifically monitor the individual pollution levels created by each vehicle? I know the technology now exists. Will the new technology be able to monitor excessive noise from vehicles, as we have seen introduced in places like Paris? Most importantly, will the extension of the ULEZ allow a move to smart road pricing at some point where people are charged for the length of their journeys and the level of pollution their vehicles are creating rather than bluntly entering a zone and crossing a line?

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): It is really important to avoid any misunderstanding. Nowhere in the world is a ULEZ of the scale of ours being tried. You mentioned Paris. Paris has a couple of roads, I would say, with respect to Paris, rather than the scheme we are talking about. We are talking about --

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM: They are doing noise, yes.

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): You are talking about technology that can be expanded up to the North Circular and South Circular. At the moment, the only technology we have that can be effective on this scale is the ANPR. It does not address the complexities that you would like us to, but we are exploring whether it is possible to do so on the scale we want to do. The scale is not just the five boroughs in central London. It is going all the way to the North and South Circulars.

Crossrail

Question no: 2020/2098

16 July 2020

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM: Mr Mayor, when you dig down and look at possible opening dates for Crossrail, the real issue is the progress on key milestones. Trial running still has to take place. When do you think trial running will start?

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): That is a good question. The advice I have received is that some of the reliability that the trial running is testing can be done during dynamic testing, which means it is possible theoretically - I am not saying this will happen - for there to be sufficiently good dynamic testing to shorten the period of trial running before opening.

I want it to be this year. It was originally going to be around September. That may be pushed back because of the delay in dynamic testing. We will know more after the July board meeting. We will definitely know more after the August board meeting. As soon as I know, I will share that with the Assembly.

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM: Thank you. The most recent independent consultant's report on Crossrail, which was published only last week on TfL's website says, I quote, "Crossrail Ltd has failed to achieve a programme that has achievable milestones and dependable forecast dates". With experts making such claims - and these are your independent experts - I believe it is vital that we have some full answers.

You have said several times you have a July board meeting. Perhaps after that meeting you will be able to write to me and confirm when trial running will commence, how long you anticipate it taking and when down to the actual month Crossrail will finally open. That is what Londoners want and that is what we all want: to get this railway open. Will you agree to write to me after the July board meeting with that information so that we can get this railway back on track?

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): Chair, I am very happy to write to not just Caroline but the entire Assembly after the July board meeting to give a summary of what we have been told at that board meeting and, similarly, I also undertake to write to the Assembly after the August board meeting as well to make sure you are fully sighted on what we are being told by the Crossrail team.

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM: And with a month when the railway will open, please. Thank you very much.

Navin Shah AM (Chair): Yes, thank you, Mr Mayor, for that commitment. Please do write to Assembly Members following the board meeting as just indicated.

Temporary Changes to Road Layouts

Question no: 2020/2520

16 July 2020

Tony Devenish AM

Tony Devenish AM: Thank you, Mr Mayor, for your answer. You will appreciate road surface use is always contentious and we all want more cycling and more walking, but at a time when we are trying to get people to keep their one-metre distance we do need people to be able to drive as well. Would you be able to get your Deputy Mayor to meet me before September for a site visit to Park Lane and Edgware Road because, it is not the principle of the schemes we object to, it is the way they have been designed, and it is causing real congestion already when at the moment obviously we do not have that much traffic in London. If Heidi [Alexander, Deputy Mayor for Transport] had the time I would be very grateful to meet her on Park Lane and then take her to Edgware Road. Thank you.

Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London): Thank you, Chair, I would be happy to do so, just to reassure the Assembly Member. The local MP also raised an issue, which we have addressed, but I am more than happy to facilitate that.

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