

MINUTES

Meeting: Housing Committee
Date: Tuesday 9 February 2021
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Virtual Meeting

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Present:

Murad Qureshi AM (Chair)
Andrew Boff AM (Deputy Chair)
Siân Berry AM
Léonie Cooper AM
Tony Devenish AM
Nicky Gavron AM
David Kurten 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 virtually, with Assembly Members and guests participating remotely.
- 1.2 The Clerk read the roll-call of Assembly Members who were participating in the meeting. No apologies for absence were received.
- 1.3 The Chair noted that it was Nicky Gavron AM's last meeting as a member of the Housing Committee and thanked her for her hard work over many years on behalf of Londoners.

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 10 November 2020 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, closed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee, and the additional correspondence sent and received as listed in the report, be noted.

5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)

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

5.2 Resolved:

- (a) That the recent actions taken by the Chair under delegated authority, following consultation with party Group Lead Members be noted, namely to agree:**
 - (i) The Committee's response to the technical shared ownership consultation; and**
 - (ii) The Committee's *5 Steps to Build on 'Everyone in' in London* report.**
- (b) That the signing of the letter by the Chair on behalf of the Committee, sent on 8 January 2021 from the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Leasehold and Commonhold Reform to The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, following informal consultation with party Group Lead Members, be ratified; and**
- (c) That its work programme as agreed under delegated authority by the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee on 3 December 2020 be noted.**

6 End-of-term Meeting with the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on an end-of-term assessment of key mayoral commitments on housing to the following invited guests:

- Tom Copley, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development; and
- Rickardo Hyatt, Executive Director, Housing & Land, Greater London Authority (GLA).

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

6.3 The Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development added his personal thanks and best wishes to departing Assembly Member Nicky Gavron AM.

6.4 The Executive Director, Housing & Land, GLA, confirmed he would update the Committee on whether Belgravia police station is being sold.

6.5 During the course of the discussion, the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development agreed to provide the following additional information:

- The number of homes planned for delivery by the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (ODPC) and the timescale;
- The amount left unallocated in the current Affordable Housing Programme 2016-2023 at the end of this term;
- To confirm to the Committee once he has discussed with the Mayor a policy on asking the Government for Right to Buy suspension on new council homes, and the outcome of that discussion;
- Whether any new housing need modelling is being done by the GLA and if so, the timescales for when this would be available;
- The terms of reference and the timescale for the 'first dibs' review;
- An end-of-term update on the small sites programme in terms of what has been delivered;
- Details on the more than 1,200 community led housing units in the pipeline and how many of these are on small sites; and
- The data supporting the assertion that the proportion of family-sized homes has increased.

6.6 **Resolved:**

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

7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)

- 7.1 The next meeting of the Committee would be confirmed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting, due to take place on 14 May 2021.

8 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 8)

- 8.1 Committee Members offered their thanks to Murad Qureshi AM for acting as Chair of the Committee so ably over the past year and for stepping in when the Assembly vacancy arose.
- 8.2 Thanks and best wishes for Nicky Gavron AM, who would be standing down, were also offered from Committee Members.
- 8.3 There were no other items of business that the Chair considered to be urgent.

9 Close of Meeting

- 9.1 The meeting ended at 12.10 pm.

Chair

Date

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