

MINUTES

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

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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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