

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Housing Committee**  
**Date: Tuesday 10 November 2020**  
**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

## **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. An apology for absence was received from David Kurten AM.

## **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 5 August 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 and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee, and the additional correspondence 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:**

**That the recent action taken by the Chair under delegated authority in consultation with party Group Lead Members, namely, to agree the Committee's response to the Mayor's consultation on intermediate housing be noted.**

### **6 Responses to Investigations of the Housing Committee (Item 6)**

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

#### **6.2 Resolved:**

- (a) That the response from the Mayor of London to its letter and recommendations regarding affordable home ownership in London, as attached at Appendix 1, be noted; and**
- (b) That the response from the Mayor of London to its letter and recommendations on leasehold in London, as attached at Appendix 2, be noted.**

## 7 COVID-19, Rough Sleeping and Homelessness in London (Item 7)

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on COVID-19, rough sleeping and homelessness in London to the following invited guests:

- David Eastwood, Rough Sleeping Lead, Greater London Authority;
- Steve Douglas CBE, Chief Executive, St Mungo's;
- Gill Taylor, Strategic Lead – Single Homelessness & Vulnerable Adults, Haringey Council;
- Tony McKenzie, Member Involvement Co-ordinator, Crisis; and
- Martin Burrows, Director of Research and Campaigns, Groundswell.

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

7.3 During the course of the discussion, David Eastwood, Rough Sleeping Lead, GLA, agreed to provide the Committee with:

- A summary of how the Mayor's *In for Good* principle works, how it is evaluated, and what is known about its impact;
- Data on the schemes being funded under the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme (RSAP), including the types of homes and tenancies, and an estimate of the revenue and capital amount needed per home under each scheme;
- A breakdown of the approximately £65 million rough sleeping budget including the source of the funding and what it is allocated to; and
- What data is available and what lessons have been learned in regards to people who have been evicted from hotels under the *Everyone In* Scheme and what level of support they received after their eviction.

7.4 All guests were invited to write to the Committee with any further views regarding how the Mayor and local authorities can best support people who are experiencing homelessness with no recourse to public funds (NRPF).

7.5 **Resolved:**

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

## **8 Housing Committee Work Programme (Item 8)**

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the work programme as agreed under delegated authority by the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee on 20 July 2020 be noted;**
- (b) That the additional activity undertaken since the last meeting, namely the informal meeting, the annual Affordable Housing Monitor and homelessness data analysis, be noted; and**
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Chair of the Housing Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead members, to agree any data analysis reports relating to rough sleeping and homelessness, until 6 May 2021.**

## **9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)**

9.1 The next meeting of the Committee would be confirmed by the London Assembly in due course.

## **10 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 10)**

10.1 There were no items of business that the Chair considered to be urgent.

## **11 Close of Meeting**

11.1 The meeting ended at 12.06 pm.

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Chair

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Date

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