

# MINUTES

Meeting: **Budget and Performance  
Committee**

Date: **Thursday 18 June 2009**

Time: **10.00am**

Place: **Chamber, City Hall, The Queens  
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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## Present

John Biggs (Chairman)  
Mike Tuffrey (Deputy Chairman)  
Andrew Boff  
James Cleverly  
Roger Evans  
Darren Johnson  
Murad Qureshi  
Valerie Shawcross  
Richard Tracey

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Gareth Bacon AM, for whom James Cleverly AM substituted.
- 1.2 The Chairman explained that Caroline Pidgeon AM was present at the meeting, at the invitation of the Committee, in her role as Chair of the London Assembly Transport Committee.

## 2. Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

### 2.1 Resolved:

- (a) **That the list of memberships of functional bodies and London borough councils, as set out in the table at Item 2, be noted as personal interests;**

- (b) That the following personal interests of the substitute Member and invited Member be noted:  
James Cleverly - Member, MPA; Member, LDA  
Caroline Pidgeon - Member, MPA; Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Southwark
- (c) That gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out on the Authority's gifts and hospitality register, be noted.

### **3. Membership of the Committee (Item 3)**

#### **3.1 Resolved:**

That the membership and chairing arrangements for the Committee made by the Annual Meeting of the Assembly on 6 May 2009 be noted.

### **4. Terms of Reference and Standing Delegation to the Chairman (Item 4)**

#### **4.1 Resolved:**

That the Committee's terms of reference and standing delegation to the Chairman of the Budget and Performance Committee be noted.

### **5. Minutes (Item 5)**

5.1 The Committee received the minutes of the meeting of the Budget and Performance Committee held on 27 April 2009.

#### **5.2 Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Budget and Performance Committee held on 27 April 2009 be agreed as an accurate record for signature by the Chairman.

## **6. Summary List of Actions (Item 6)**

- 6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat detailing the completed and outstanding actions from the previous meetings of the Budget and Performance Committee.
- 6.2 Members were concerned that several of the Committee's requests for additional information had yet to receive responses. Members also requested that the Director of Marketing provides a more detailed response to its request for information on the arrangement and funding of GLA events.
- 6.3 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted;  
and**
- (b) That the Director of Marketing provides further information on the  
arrangement and funding of GLA events.**

## **7. Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 7)**

- 7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat detailing correspondence written by the Chairman under delegated authority.
- 7.2 **Resolved:**
- That the recent action taken by the Chairman of the Committee under delegated  
authority be noted.**

## **8. Proposal for an Investigation into the Impact of the Mayor's Fares Decision (Item 8)**

- 8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat which proposed an investigation into the impact of the Mayor's fares decisions.
- 8.2 The following people were in attendance for the first part of the discussion on this item:
- Kulveer Ranger (Director of Transport Policy, Mayor's Office);
  - Shashi Verma (Director of Fares and Ticketing, Transport for London); and
  - Steve Allen (Managing Director, Finance, Transport for London).

8.3 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix A**.

8.4 The following people were in attendance for the second part of the discussion on this item:

- Paul Dornan (Policy and Research Officer, Child Poverty Action Group);
- Tim Bellenger (Director, Research and Development, London TravelWatch); and
- David Leibling (Chairman of the Fares and Ticketing Committee, London TravelWatch).

8.5 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix B**.

8.6 **Resolved:**

- (a) That an investigation into the Mayor's fares decision, with terms of reference as outlined at paragraph 4.7 of the report, be agreed; and**
- (b) That the report and the answers to Members' questions be noted.**

## **9. The Budget and Performance Committee Report on GLA Group Environment Spend 2009/10 (Item 9)**

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

9.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the Committee's report, *The Budget and Performance Committee Report on GLA Group Environment Spend 2009/10*, be agreed; and**
- (b) That the Assembly be recommended to use its powers under section 60(1) of the GLA Act to request the Mayor to respond to the recommendations in the report which are directed at the Mayor.**

## **10. Proposal for the 2009 Pre-Budget Report (Item 10)**

10.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat setting out proposals for the Committee's 2009 Pre Budget Report.

10.2 **Resolved:**

**That the Committee produces a 2009 Pre-Budget Report, with terms of reference as at paragraph 3.1 of the report, following discussions with key stakeholders and experts and taking into account other relevant scrutiny work.**

## **11. Re-establishment of the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee (Item 11)**

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

11.2 **Resolved:**

**(a) That the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee be re-established as an ordinary sub-committee for the 2009-10 Assembly year, comprising 1 Labour Member, 2 Conservative Members and 1 unallocated Member;**

**(b) That the following term of reference for the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee be agreed:**

*To consider the quarterly monitoring reports provided by the GLA and its functional bodies as referred to it by the Budget and Performance Committee, including any other monitoring reports the Budget and Performance Committee considers appropriate, and to report back its findings to the Budget and Performance Committee as necessary.*

**(c) That the following Assembly Members be appointed to the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee and that all non-appointed Members of each political Group be appointed as substitute Member(s) for their relevant party Group Committee Members on the Sub-Committee:**

**John Biggs  
Richard Barnbrook  
Gareth Bacon and  
Richard Tracey**

**(d) That John Biggs AM be appointed Chairman for the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee for the 2009-10 Assembly year;**

**(e) That the Sub-Committee's timetable of meetings, as set out in paragraph 3.6 of the report, be noted;**

**(f) That the Committee automatically refers the following reports to the Sub-Committee for the 2009-10 Assembly year:**

- **The quarterly monitoring reports provided by the GLA and its functional bodies;**
- **The Mayor's Decision Lists;**
- **Payments above £1,000;**
- **Treasury Management Strategy; and**
- **Fees and Charges.**

## 12. Budget and Performance Committee Work Programme (Item 12)

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

12.2 **Resolved:**

**That the Committee's calendar of meetings and business, subject to the inclusion of an additional meeting of the Committee be held on 3 November 2009 to formally agree the Pre Budget Report, be noted.**

## 13. Date of Next Meeting (Item 13)

13.1 The next scheduled meeting of the Committee was to be held at 10am on 21 July 2009.

## 14. Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 14)

14.1 There were no items of urgent business.

## 15. Close of Meeting

15.1 The meeting ended at 12.08pm.

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**Chairman**

**Date**

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