

AGENDA

Meeting	Election Review Working Group
Date	Thursday 12 July 2012
Time	2.00 pm
Place	Committee Room 3, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Members of the Committee

Andrew Boff
Len Duvall

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Mark Roberts, Executive Director of Secretariat
Wednesday 4 July 2012

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**Agenda
Election Review Working Group
Thursday 12 July 2012**

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 - 2)

The Working Group is recommended to:

- (i) Note as disclosable pecuniary interests the list of memberships of functional bodies and London Borough Councils, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2;**
- (ii) Declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and take any necessary action regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s); and**
- (iii) Additionally declare any relevant interests (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 take any necessary action regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s).**

3. Review of the London 2012 Elections (Pages 3 - 4)

Report of: Executive Director Secretariat

Contact: Janet Hughes, janet.hughes@london.gov.uk tel:020 7983 4423

The Working Group is recommended to note the contents of this paper as background to their discussion with party agents and borough representatives.

4. Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent

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London Assembly

Membership of Functional Bodies and London Borough Councils

Member	Interest
Andrew Boff	
Len Duvall	

[Note: LB - London Borough; LFEPA - London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.]

Recommendations:

- (i) **That the list of memberships of functional bodies and London Borough Councils , as set out in the table above, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests¹;**
- (ii) **That all Members declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and take any necessary action regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s); and**
- (iii) **That all Members additionally declare any relevant interests (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 below) and take any necessary action regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s).**

Paragraph 10 of the GLA's new 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).

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.

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 -

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.

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.

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.

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 £25 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.

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: <http://www.london.gov.uk/gifts-and-hospitality-register>.

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 £25, Members are asked to disclose these at the meeting, either at the declarations of interest agenda item or when the interest becomes apparent.

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.

Subject: Review of London 2012 Elections

Report to: Elections Review Working Group

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 12 July 2012

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report contains information about the guests who have been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the management of the 2012 Mayoral and London Assembly elections.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That Members note the contents of this paper as background to their discussion with the Greater London Returning Officer and representatives from the electronic count contractor, IntElect.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The working group is reviewing the management of the 2012 Mayoral and London Assembly with a view to identifying issues that arose and lessons to be learned, and making recommendations for the effective and efficient management of future Londonwide elections. The working group held its first meeting on 5 July 2012. This is its second and final meeting.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The working group has sought written views and information from a range of stakeholders. The report from the Greater London Returning Officer was published with the agenda for the working group's meeting on 5 July. Other written submissions will be published with the group's findings and recommendations.
- 4.2 The working group met with party agents, observers and returning officers at its meeting on 5 July. For this meeting, on 12 July, the group has invited the Greater London Returning Officer and representatives from the electronic count contractor, IntElect, to answer Members' questions.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The working group has the power to undertake what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers:

Report from London Elects on the 2012 elections – published with the agenda for the group’s meeting on 5 July 2012: <http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=263&MId=4688>

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