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**Meeting: Budget and Performance
Committee**

Date: Wednesday 10 June 2015

Time: 10.00 am

**Place: Committee Room 5, City Hall, The
Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

Stephen Knight AM (Deputy Chair)

Gareth Bacon AM

Len Duvall AM

Jenny Jones AM

Joanne McCartney AM

Valerie Shawcross CBE AM

Richard Tracey AM

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

- 1.1 An apology for absence was received from the Chairman, John Biggs AM, for whom Len Duvall AM attended as a substitute Member. The Deputy Chair was in the Chair for the meeting.

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 Membership of the Committee (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved

That the membership and chairing arrangements for the Budget and Performance Committee as agreed at Annual Meeting of the London Assembly on 13 May 2015, be noted as follows:

John Biggs AM (Chair)
Stephen Knight AM (Deputy Chair)
Gareth Bacon AM
Jenny Jones AM
Joanne McCartney AM
Valerie Shawcross CBE AM
Richard Tracey AM

4 Terms of Reference (Item 4)

4.1 Resolved:

That the following terms of reference for the Committee be noted:

1. To examine at each stage of the consultation process the Mayor's budget proposals for the next financial year and to report to the Assembly thereon as necessary.
2. To report to the Assembly on the Mayor's consultation budget at the conclusion of the consultation process.
3. To undertake the duties of the Assembly referred to in paragraph 2(2) and paragraph 3(2)(b) of Schedule 6 to the GLA Act 1999; namely, to receive and consider the Mayor's consultation prior to the determination of the draft component budget for the Authority and to receive and consider the Mayor's consultation prior to the final determination of the draft consolidated GLA budget.
4. To examine, monitor and report to the Assembly from time to time on matters relating to the budgets and performance of the Greater London Authority and the Functional Bodies.
5. To consider budgetary and performance matters on request from another standing committee and report its opinion to that standing committee.
6. To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity.
7. To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference.
8. To refer any issues to the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee which fall within the Committee's remit.
9. To examine, monitor and report to the Assembly from time to time on Mayoral

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directions, approvals and decisions, insofar as they relate to the budgets and performance of the GLA and the Functional Bodies.

5 Standing Delegations (Item 5)

5.1 Resolved:

That the following standing delegations be noted:

(a) The then Budget Committee, on 22 June 2006, resolved:

That the Chair be given delegated authority to write to the appropriate bodies seeking further information arising from discussion at meetings; and

(b) The London Assembly, at its Annual Meeting on 13 May 2015, agreed to delegate to Chairs of all ordinary committees and sub-committees a general authority to respond on the relevant committee or sub-committee's behalf, following consultation with the lead Members of the party Groups on the committee or sub-committee, where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a committee meeting.

6 Minutes (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Budget and Performance Committee held on 19 March 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7 Summary List of Actions (Item 7)

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

7.2 Resolved:

That the completed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted.

8 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 8)

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

That the action taken by the Chairman under delegated authority, namely to respond to the Mayor's consultation on the proposed amendments to Transport for London's borrowing limits, be noted.

9 Re-establishment of the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee (Item 9)

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

9.2 **Resolved:**

(a) That the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee be re-established as an ordinary sub-committee for the 2015/16 Assembly year, comprising two Labour Group Members and two GLA Conservative Members (in accordance with the committee memberships and proportionality agreed at the Assembly's Annual Meeting);

(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, and any other reports falling within the terms of reference of the Budget and Performance Committee which that Committee considers appropriate, and to report back its findings to the Budget and Performance Committee as necessary."; and

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

**Gareth Bacon AM;
John Biggs AM;
Tom Copley AM; and
Roger Evans AM.**

9.3 It was proposed by Valerie Shawcross CBE AM and seconded by Joanne McCartney AM that John Biggs AM be appointed Chair of the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee for the 2015/16 year. There being no other nominations, it was:

9.4 **Resolved:**

- (a) **That John Biggs AM be elected as Chair of the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee for the 2015/16 Assembly year;**
- (b) **That election of a Deputy Chair of the Committee be delegated to the Sub-Committee;**
- (c) **That the Sub-Committee's timetable of meetings, as set out in paragraph 4.3 of the report be noted; and**
- (d) **That the following reports be referred automatically to the Sub-Committee for the 2015/16 Assembly year:**
 - **Quarterly monitoring reports from the GLA and functional bodies;**
 - **The Mayor's Decision Lists;**
 - **Payments above £250;**
 - **Treasury Management Strategy; and**
 - **Fees and Charges.**

10 Police Outsourcing (Item 10)

10.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on police outsourcing to the following invited guests:

- Kerry Hallard, Chief Executive, National Outsourcing Association;
- Stephen Hughes, former Chief Executive of Birmingham City Council; and
- John Tizard, independent strategic advisor and commentator.

10.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix 1**.

10.3 **Resolved:**

- (a) **That the terms of reference for the proposed investigation into police outsourcing, as set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report, be noted.**
- (b) **That the report and discussion be noted.**

11 Budget and Performance Committee Work Programme (Item 11)

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

11.2 **Resolved:**

That the Committee's work programme for 2015/16 be agreed.

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12 Date of Next Meeting (Item 12)

- 12.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Tuesday 7 July 2015 at 10.00am, in Committee Room 5, subject to alteration in relation to events being scheduled on that day to mark the tenth anniversary of the 2005 London bombings.

13 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 13)

- 13.1 There were no other items of business.

14 Close of Meeting

- 14.1 The meeting ended at 11.55am.

Chairman

Date

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