

MINUTES

Meeting: Housing Committee

Date: Tuesday 23 February 2016

Time: 10.00 am

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

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Present:

Tom Copley AM (Chair)
Nicky Gavron AM
Jenny Jones AM
Stephen Knight AM
Steve O'Connell AM
Fiona Twycross AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Darren Johnson AM, for whom Jenny Jones AM substituted, and from Andrew Boff AM.
- 1.2 During the course of the meeting, noting that this was the final formal meeting of the Housing Committee in this Assembly Year, the Chair offered thanks to Secretariat officers for their work over the last four years of the Assembly's term.

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 19 January 2016 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 be noted.

5 Questions to the Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on housing issues in London to the following invited guests:

- Richard Blakeway, Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property;
- David Lunts, Executive Director, Housing and Land, Greater London Authority (GLA);
- Neal Hudson, Associate Director, Residential Research, Savills;
- Matt Downie, Director of Policy and External Affairs, Crisis; and
- Pat Hayes, Executive Director, Regeneration and Housing, London Borough of Ealing.

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

5.3 During the course of the discussion Members requested that the GLA provide the following information in writing:

- A copy of the GLA Planning team's response to the Government's consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework and confirmation whether the response would be made public;
- Data on the number of completion waivers signed before 31 March 2015, and confirmation whether the proportion of waivers signed was higher than usual; and
- Confirmation as to which large landlord businesses had signed up to the London Rental Standard.

5.4 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

6 Affordable Homes for Rent in London (Item 6)

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

6.2 **Resolved:**

That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree an open letter to the next Mayor of London concerning increasing provision of affordable homes for rent in London.

7 Housing Committee: Legacy Report, 2012 - 2016 (Item 7)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

7.3 During the course of the meeting, Nicky Gavron AM, on behalf of the Committee, proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair for his work during the Assembly Year.

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

8.1 The Chair explained that the London Assembly's Annual Meeting, due to take place on Friday, 13 May 2016, would decide which committees to establish for the 2016/17 Assembly Year and a timetable of meetings for those committees.

9 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 9)

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

10 Close of Meeting

10.1 The meeting ended at 11.55 am.

**Greater London Authority
Housing Committee
Tuesday 23 February 2016**

Chair

Date

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