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**Meeting: Budget and Performance
Committee**

Date: Thursday 5 January 2017

Time: 10.00 am

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

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Present:

Gareth Bacon AM (Chairman)
Sian Berry AM
Leonie Cooper AM
Unmesh Desai AM
Len Duvall AM (Deputy Chair)
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Keith Prince AM

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

1.1 There were no apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

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

2.2 Resolved:

**(a) 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.**

(b) That Unmesh Desai AM's non-pecuniary interest as a director (unpaid) of West Ham United Foundation be noted.

3 The 2017/18 GLA Group Budget (Item 3)

3.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on the 2017/18 GLA Group Budget to the following invited guests:

- Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, MOPAC
- Rebecca Lawrence, Chief Executive, MOPAC
- Alex Anderson, Strategic Finance and Resource Management Accountant, MOPAC
- Deputy Commissioner Craig Mackey, Metropolitan Police Service
- Lynda McMullan, Director of Finance and Commercial, Metropolitan Police Service

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

3.3 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following additional information:

- Clarification of the approach to presenting savings and efficiencies in cumulative terms in MOPAC's budget submission, alongside a reconciliation with the proposals in the Mayor's 2017-18 consultation budget. In addition, to provide a disaggregation of the savings and efficiencies to show a year by year savings figure.
- Separation of the 'total pay and overtime' figure into pay and overtime (Mayor's Consultation Budget 2017/18 – page 60, Appendix B, Table 1).
- A list of items funded by reserves.
- A profile of the number of police officers in post over the last eight years against the budget provision.
- Clarification of how the £38 million efficiency measure concerning police numbers has been identified.
- A list of IT projects within the IT strategy with performance measures against which they are monitored.
- The revenue savings that the digital policing strategy will deliver in 2017-18. Confirmation of how much mobile working will save the Met in each year of the Police and Crime Plan.

3.4 The Committee then put questions to the following invited guests:

- David Goldstone CBE, Chief Executive, LLDC

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- Gerry Murphy, Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services, LLDC

3.5 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix 2**.

3.6 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following additional information:

- LLDC's gross borrowing is budgeted to increase by £46.7 million in 2017-18 and total debt will be £575 million by 2020-21. Please provide a forecast of the annual interest cost of this borrowing.
- Clarity on whether there is formal agreement for LLDC not to pay interest on its borrowing.
- Detailed assumptions on the fixed estate charge.

3.7 The Committee then put questions to the following invited guests:

- Victoria Hills, Chief Executive Officer, OPDC
- Doug Wilson, Chief Finance Officer, OPDC

3.8 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix 3**.

3.9 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following additional information:

- What the implications would be if the Corporation's budget was cut by 40 per cent as proposed in the draft budget.

3.10 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

4 Budget and Performance Committee Work Programme (Item 4)

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

4.2 **Resolved:**

That the work programme be noted.

5 Date of Next Meeting (Item 5)

5.1 The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 10 January 2017 at 10.00am in the

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Chamber.

6 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 6)

6.1 There were no other items of business.

7 Close of Meeting

7.1 The meeting ended at 1.40pm

Chairman

Date

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