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Meeting: Housing Committee
Date: Wednesday 8 November 2017
Time: 2.00 pm
Place: Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Sian Berry AM (Chair)
Andrew Boff AM (Deputy Chairman)
Tom Copley AM
Leonie Cooper AM
Tony Devenish AM
David Kurten AM
Nicky Gavron AM

1 Apologies for Absence and Chair'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:

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 5 October 2017 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 a previous meetings of the Committee be noted.

5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)

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

5.2 Resolved:

That the Committee noted the action taken under delegated authority by the Chair to agree an output on the discussion on hidden homelessness.

6 Draft London Housing Strategy (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on the Mayor of London's draft Housing Strategy to guests.

6.2 The Chair welcomed the following invited guests to the meeting for panel 1:

- Paul Hackett, Chief Executive, Optivo and Chair of g15;
- Richard Blyth, Head of Policy, Royal Town Planning Institute;
- Barry Mortimer, Director, Federation of Master Builders London; and
- Pat Turnball, London Tenants Federation.

6.3 A transcript of this discussion is attached as **Appendix 1**.

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- 6.4 The Chair welcomed the following invited guests to the meeting for panel 2:
- James Murray, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development; and
 - James Clark, Senior Manager – Housing Strategy, Housing and Land, Greater London Authority.
- 6.5 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 6.6 During the course of the discussion, Members requested the following additional information from the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development:
- Details on the timings for both the Strategic Housing Market Assessment & Strategic Housing Land Assessment documents, including publication dates; and
 - Further information on targets for the increased number of smaller builders that are involved in building homes in London.
- 6.7 During the course of the discussion, Members requested the following additional information from the Senior Manager – Housing Strategy, Housing and Land, Greater London Authority:
- Further information on the tenant groups which have been involved with the Homes for Londoners Board.
- 6.8 The Committee asked the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development and Senior Manager – Housing Strategy, Housing and Land, Greater London Authority to provide a written response to the following questions:
- The Mayor’s recently launched London Boroughs’ Private Rented Sector Partnership aims to support council enforcement work, as well as encouraging consistency in property licensing schemes. What evidence will you look for to show that the new Private Rented Sector Partnership is working?
 - The draft Housing Strategy contains proposals for a new London Rental Model, to be developed with tenants and landlords, though it recognises that only the Government can deliver the reforms necessary to see this implemented. How would the proposed London Rental Model differ from the last Mayor’s London Rental Standard? The previous Mayor’s London Rental Standard failed to gain traction among landlords. How will you persuade them to engage this time?
- 6.9 At the end of the discussion, the Chair thanked the guests for their attendance and helpful contributions to the meeting.

6.10 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and subsequent discussion be noted; and
- (b) That the commitments as outlined above in paragraph 6.6, 6.7 and 6.8 be noted.

7 Housing Committee Work Programme (Item 7)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

That the updated work programme for 2017/18 Assembly year, as set out in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.4 of the report.

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

8.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, 5 December 2017 at 10.00am in the Chamber, City Hall.

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 4.25pm.

Chair

Date

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