

# MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly (Plenary)**  
**Date: Thursday 21 December 2017**  
**Time: 11.00 am**  
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Tony Arbour AM (Chairman)	Nicky Gavron AM
Gareth Bacon AM	Susan Hall AM
Shaun Bailey AM	David Kurten AM
Sian Berry AM	Joanne McCartney AM
Andrew Boff AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Leonie Cooper AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Tom Copley AM	Keith Prince AM
Unmesh Desai AM	Caroline Russell AM
Andrew Dismore AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Len Duvall AM	Navin Shah AM
Florence Eshalomi AM	Fiona Twycross AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of the Chair, Jennette Arnold OBE AM, Tony Devenish AM and Peter Whittle AM.

## **2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)**

- 2.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 2.2 The Deputy Chairman in the Chair noted that all Assembly Members had been granted dispensations by the Monitoring Officer which meant that, whilst they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Items 6 and 10(a), which related to elected Member pensions and remuneration respectively, they were properly able to take a decision on those matters.

### **2.3 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.**

- 2.4 In accordance with Standing Order 2.2D, which stated that “if the Chair considers it would assist the conduct of business he or she may take items of business in an order different from that set out on the agenda for the meeting” the following agenda items were taken in a different order to that set out on the agenda.

## **3 Future meetings of the London Assembly (Item 8)**

### **3.1 Resolved:**

- (a) **That it be agreed to accept written answers to all question submitted to the 22 February 2018 London Assembly (Mayor’s Question Time) meeting under the Mayor’s Question Time procedure, in order to devote time to discussion of the Mayor’s Draft Consolidated Budget 2018/19;**
- (b) **That it be agreed to use the 8 March 2018 Plenary meeting principally to hold a question and answer session with the Mayor, in his capacity as Chair of Transport for London (TfL), and the Commissioner, TfL on the work and policies of TfL; and**
- (c) **That it be agreed under section 61 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999, to require the attendance of Sadiq Khan, in his capacity as Chair of Transport for London, and Mike Brown MVO, Commissioner, Transport for London, at the 8 March 2018 London Assembly (Plenary) meeting, for which notice will be given in accordance with section 62 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 in due course, to answer questions in relation to the policies and work of Transport for London.**

#### **4 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)**

- 4.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly was the Mayor's Question Time meeting which would take place at 10.00am on Thursday 18 January 2018 in the Chamber, City Hall.

#### **5 Members' Pension Scheme (Item 6)**

- 5.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director Secretariat.

5.2 **Resolved, jointly with the Mayor:**

- (a) **That the establishment of a Master Trust Scheme, administered by Aviva, for elected Members of the Assembly who choose to join, to become operational in 2018 be approved; and**
- (b) **That the Executive Director Resources and Executive Director of Secretariat be authorised to take all necessary administrative actions to establish the scheme.**

[see also Minute 2-Declaration of Interest]

#### **6 Mayoral Commitments (Item 7)**

- 6.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

6.2 **Resolved:**

**That the commitments made by the Mayor, Sadiq Khan, during London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meetings held between September 2017 and November 2017 be noted.**

#### **7 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 10)**

##### **Pay Award 2017-2018 for Statutory Officers (Item 10a)**

- 7.1 In accordance with Standing Order 1.10 and Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair had admitted to the agenda an item of urgent business in relation to pay for the Head of Paid Service and the Executive Director Resources as Statutory Officers.
- 7.2 This was to ensure that the matter be dealt with at the earliest possible opportunity and noting that it was not possible to include it on the main agenda for the meeting as consultation with the Mayor and with the Assembly had not been concluded at that time. A report regarding this matter had been circulated under cover of a supplementary agenda.

7.3 The Assembly received the report of the Head of Paid Service.

7.4 **Resolved:**

- (a) **That, noting that it is a joint decision with the Mayor, to confirm that the pay award of 1% made to senior GLA staff should also be made to the Head of Paid Service and the Executive Director of Resources, as Statutory Officers; and**
- (b) **That, in accordance with the Senior Salaries Review Body recommendation made and agreed in 2009, the application of the local government pay settlement of 1% for 2017-2018 to the Mayor and the Assembly be noted.**

[See also Minute 2-Declarations of Interest]

## **8 Petitions (Item 4)**

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

8.2 Steve O'Connell AM presented a petition, on behalf of Tony Devenish AM, with the following prayer:

"Concerns over the Metropolitan Police Service's plan to amalgamate Westminster with Kensington and Chelsea, and Hammersmith and Fulham will drain our neighbourhoods of local officers. We call upon the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to rethink his plans to merge local police teams with other boroughs."

8.3 **Resolved:**

**That the petition be forwarded to the Mayor for a response.**

8.4 Shaun Bailey AM presented a petition with the following prayer:

"We the undersigned call on Transport for London to propose a new bus route to operate between North Greenwich and Kidbrooke Village in order to increase bus capacity in the Blackheath area and reduce overcrowding on existing routes such as the 132, 108 and 422.

Bus routes from North Greenwich to the south of the Royal Borough of Greenwich are already full to capacity at rush hour, with many people having to wait for a second bus at North Greenwich. A new bus route is desperately needed just to cope with current demand.

The Kidbrooke Village development will lead to a huge population increase to the south of Blackheath. Some parts of the development are now complete with residents moving in and more homes being proposed. As a result, demand on local public transport, such as the 132 and rail services from Kidbrooke Station, will only increase on these already full services.

Cities are built on their transport networks and it is paramount the Kidbrooke Village has proper bus connection to Woolwich for Crossrail and North Greenwich for the Jubilee line, this will not only improve the lives of commuters in Kidbrooke Village and help reduce demand on the already under strain Kidbrooke and Blackheath stations”.

8.5 **Resolved:**

**That the petition be forwarded to the Mayor in his capacity as Chair of Transport for London for a response.**

## 9 Question and Answer Session (Item 3)

### Part A:

9.1 The Assembly put question to Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London and Cressida Dick CBE, QPM, Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, on policing in London.

9.2 The transcript of opening statements from invited guests is attached at **Appendix 1**. The record of questions put by Assembly Members and the answers given is attached at **Appendix 2**. The written answers provided following the meeting are attached at **Appendix 3**.

### Part B:

9.3 The Deputy Chairman in the Chair formally moved the motion set out on the agenda in the Chair’s name, namely:

“That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked.”

9.4 **Resolved:**

**The answers to the questions asked be noted.**

## 10 Motions (Item 5)

10.1 Shaun Bailey AM moved and Sian Berry AM seconded the following motion:

**“This Assembly notes the decision of the Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis to increase the number of taser-trained officers to 6,400.**

**The Assembly further notes the rule change that enables officers on single patrol to carry taser and the near-complete roll out of body worn cameras to taser-equipped officers.**

**The Assembly urges the Mayor to make representations to the Commissioner calling on her to ensure that the police attempt, to the best of their ability, to ensure that tasers are never used in an unwitnessed and unaccountable way.**

**The Assembly notes that the best way to guarantee this is to make sure that all lone taser-carrying officers are equipped with body worn video. Apart from in circumstances where a police officer's safety may be in immediate danger, such video should always be switched on before a taser is discharged."**

- 10.2 Upon being put to the vote, the motion in the name of Shaun Bailey AM was unanimously agreed.
- 10.3 During the course of the debate, the Deputy Chair in the Chair proposed, and it was agreed, to extend the meeting in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 2.9, in order to complete the business on the agenda for the meeting.
- 10.4 Fiona Twycross AM moved and Dr Onkar Sahota AM seconded the following motion:

**"This Assembly notes with concern the lack of protection afforded to women patients and healthcare staff, many of whom face daily harassment from anti-choice campaigners protesting outside family planning clinics, and calls upon the Mayor to address the rise in anti-choice intimidation being experienced in London. This Assembly recognises the right of anti-choice campaigners to freedom of speech but this should never override a patient's right to safety and privacy, or the rights of healthcare staff to work in environments that are free of intimidation.**

**This Assembly welcomes the Government's review to assess whether the police, healthcare providers and local authorities have the right powers to protect women wishing to access services to which they are legally entitled. However, we note that there are powers currently available to the police to prevent anti-choice campaigners from intimidating or harassing staff and patients. Therefore, the Assembly asks the Mayor to clarify the powers available to the MPS to arrest and prosecute anti-choice campaigners who resort to obstruction, intimidation and harassment, so that clinics and patients have the confidence to report it. This would send a clear message that threatening behaviour will not be tolerated on the streets of London."**

- 10.5 Upon being put to the vote, the motion in the name of Fiona Twycross AM was agreed (with 12 votes cast in favour and 3 votes cast against).

10.6 Sian Berry AM moved and Tom Copley AM seconded the following motion:

**“This Assembly notes that the Mayor’s Good Practice Guide to Estate Regeneration is due to be published soon which will set out key principles to be followed in estate regeneration projects.<sup>1</sup>**

**This Assembly also notes the Mayor’s manifesto commitment that estate regeneration only takes place where there is resident support, based on full and transparent consultation.<sup>2</sup>**

**This Assembly believes that a final say for residents is an important way to ensure that resident involvement in plans for their homes is done in a meaningful way throughout the process.**

**This Assembly therefore urges the Mayor to recommend in his final Good Practice Guide that ballots are used on all schemes where demolition is an option or to include clear guidance that ballots will be guaranteed where a proportion of residents ask for it. Ballots should extend to private renters from non-resident leaseholders and freeholders on estates.”**

10.7 Upon being put to the vote, the motion in the name of Sian Berry AM was agreed unanimously.

## 11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting closed at 2.06pm.

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Chair

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<sup>1</sup> Homes for Londoners - Draft Good Practice Guide to Estate Regeneration. Mayor of London, Dec 2016

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/housing-and-land/improving-quality/good-practice-guide-estate-regeneration>

<sup>2</sup> A Manifesto for All Londoners. Sadiq Khan for London, 2016

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