

MINUTES

Meeting: GLA Oversight Committee
Date: Thursday 1 March 2018
Time: 2.00 pm
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Len Duvall AM (Chair)
Gareth Bacon AM (Deputy Chairman)
Sian Berry AM
Tom Copley AM
Steve O'Connell AM
Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Keith Prince AM
Peter Whittle AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Navin Shah AM.
- 1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 8.2, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM and Tony Devenish AM attended the meeting and participated in the question and answer session at Agenda Item 5 with the permission of the Chair.

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 of the GLA Oversight Committee held on 31 January 2018 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 GLA Oversight Committee be noted.

4.3 In accordance with Standing Order 2.2D, which states 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.

5 Chief Officer-Recruitment Update (Item 6)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Assistant Director Human Resources and Organisational Development.

Resolved:

(a) That the process being followed to recruit a Chief Officer and progress to date be noted; and

(b) That it be agreed that, in accordance with the Protocol for the Appointment of Statutory Officers, an advisory panel with the membership set out at paragraph 4.8 of the report be established to undertake, concurrently with the Mayor’s representative(s), shortlisting and interviews for the Chief Officer role and make a recommendation to the Mayor and Assembly regarding an appointment to that role.

6 Work Programme for the GLA Oversight Committee (Item 8)

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

6.2 **Resolved:**

That the work programme for the remainder of 2017-18 be noted.

7 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 9)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

(a) That recent action taken by the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee under delegated authority, following consultation with the Education Panel, Deputy Chairman and party Group Lead Members, namely to agree the response to the Department of Education's consultation on the devolution of the Adult Education Budget, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report be noted; and

(b) That the action taken by the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, following consultation with the Deputy Chairman and party Group Lead Members, namely to send a letter to Sir Martin Moore-Bick, Chairman of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, setting out the findings from the Committee's investigations regarding the Grenfell Tower fire, as set out at Appendix 2 to the report be noted.

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 10)

8.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to be held on 20 March 2018 at 10.00am in Committee Room 5.

9 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 11)

9.1 There were no items of urgent business.

10 Proposed Changes to the GLA Establishment - Finance and Governance (Item 7)

10.1 The Committee received the report of the Head of Paid Service.

10.2 **Resolved:**

That agreement to the Head of Paid Service's proposals set out in the report in relation to changes in the establishment in the Greater London Authority (GLA) Finance and Governance Unit be confirmed.

11 The Garden Bridge - Holding the Previous Mayor to Account (Item 5)

11.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat and put questions to the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, who has been summonsed to appear before the Committee in his capacity as the former Mayor of London.

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

11.3 During the course of the question and answer session Mr Johnson undertook to:

- Provide information on to what extent the Transport for London (TfL) Board was kept informed of progress on the Garden Bridge project; and
- Examine the four Mayoral Directions associated with the Garden Bridge and provide the Committee with an explanation regarding the change in the conditions for the Garden Bridge Trust's Deed of Grant as set out in the decision box of MD1647.

11.4 In concluding the session, the Chair thanked the Rt. Hon Boris Johnson MP for his participation in the session. The Chair also confirmed that the Committee would review the transcript of the session to determine issues which required further response and clarification.

11.5 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and the discussion with the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP be noted, subject to the additional information requested as set out in paragraph 11.3; and**
- (b) That the Committee delegate authority to the Chair of the Committee to write to the Rt. Hon Boris Johnson MP seeking further clarification of some of the issues raised during the session.**

12 Close of Meeting

12.1 The meeting ended at 3.22 pm.

Chair

Date

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