

MINUTES

Meeting: London Assembly (Plenary)
Date: Wednesday 28 June 2017
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Chair)	Nicky Gavron AM
Tony Arbour AM (Deputy Chairman)	Susan Hall AM
Gareth Bacon AM	David Kurten AM
Shaun Bailey AM	Joanne McCartney AM
Sian Berry AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Andrew Boff AM	Keith Prince AM
Leonie Cooper AM	Caroline Russell AM
Tom Copley AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Unmesh Desai AM	Navin Shah AM
Len Duvall AM	

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Florence Eshalomi AM, Tony Devenish AM, Andrew Dismore AM, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, Fiona Twycross AM and Peter Whittle AM.
- 1.2 The Chair congratulated Shaun Bailey AM on being elected the Deputy Leader of the GLA Conservatives Group.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat, contained in the Supplementary Agenda.

2.2 Resolved:

That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Question and Answer Session - Transport for London (Item 3)

Part A:

- 3.1 The Assembly put question to Valerie Shawcross CBE, Deputy Mayor for Transport, and Mike Brown MVO, Commissioner of Transport, on the work of Transport for London (TfL).
- 3.2 The record of the questions put by Assembly Members and the answers given is attached as **Appendix 1**, and written answers are attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 3.3 During the course of the discussion, the Chair welcomed to the public gallery pupils and staff from Avondale Park Primary School in Kensington.
- 3.4 During the course of the question and answer session the Deputy Mayor for Transport and Commissioner for Transport, undertook to:
 - Provide more details on the target for cycle journeys and whether it would relate to the number of cycle journeys;
 - Meet with David Kurten AM at Spout Lane North, Yiewsley and Hillingdon Fields to assess the impact of private hire vehicles parking in residential streets;
 - Provide information about efficiencies made at stations in relation to their disability access improvements;
 - Provide a copy of the invitation letter to Mike Brown MVO from Dame Margaret Hodge, to be interviewed as part of the Garden Bridge Review; and

- Meet with Caroline Russell AM to continue discussions in relation to increasing road capacity and associated traffic.

Part B:

3.5 The Chair formally moved the motion in the agenda, namely:

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

3.6 In accordance with the procedure set out at Standing Order 3.4, Gareth Bacon AM moved and Tony Arbour AM seconded the following amendment to the motion in the name of the Chair:

“This Assembly notes that both Ken Livingstone and Boris Johnson attended every single Transport Plenary to which they were invited during their respective Mayoralties. This Assembly therefore notes with dismay the current Mayor Sadiq Khan’s absence from today’s Plenary meeting and puts on record its strong desire that this is the last time he misses a London Assembly meeting to which he is invited.”

3.7 Upon being put to the vote, the amendment to the motion in the name of the Chair, proposed by Gareth Bacon AM, namely:

“This Assembly notes that both Ken Livingstone and Boris Johnson attended every single Transport Plenary to which they were invited during their respective Mayoralties. This Assembly therefore notes with dismay the current Mayor Sadiq Khan’s absence from today’s Plenary meeting and puts on record its strong desire that this is the last time he misses a London Assembly meeting to which he is invited.”

was agreed unanimously.

4 Petitions Update (Item 4)

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

4.2 Resolved:

That the responses received to petitions presented at recent London Assembly (Plenary) meetings be noted.

5 Motions (Item 5)

- 5.1 It was noted that the motion set out on the agenda in the name of Léonie Cooper AM had been withdrawn.
- 5.2 In accordance with section 100 (B)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit an urgent motion in the name of Caroline Russell AM to the agenda. In accordance with Standing Order 3.15B(1), the Assembly agreed to accept the motion as urgent.
- 5.3 Caroline Russell AM moved and Sian Berry AM seconded the following urgent motion:

“This Assembly condemns the decision taken by the President of the United States to abandon the Paris climate agreement to limit global warming to ‘well below’ two degrees to avoid catastrophic climate change.

This Assembly therefore calls on the Mayor to demonstrate climate leadership by:

- **Commissioning research into the effects of this decision on London and increasing funding for climate change programmes in his 2018-19 budget if necessary;**
- **Making his environment strategy consistent with the Paris climate agreement, particularly in the context of the President’s decision to withdraw from it;**
- **Working with fellow C40 city leaders to adopt even stronger measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and**
- **Making climate change a top priority for his remaining time in office, particularly when lobbying the government.**

- 5.4 Léonie Cooper AM moved, and Unmesh Desai AM seconded, an amendment to the urgent motion, so that it would read as follows:

“This Assembly condemns the decision taken by the President of the United States to abandon the Paris climate agreement to limit global warming to ‘well below’ two degrees to avoid catastrophic climate change.

We welcome the Mayor’s work on climate change to date and call on him to continue demonstrating leadership by:

- **Ensuring that his environment strategy is consistent with the Paris climate agreement, particularly in the context of the President’s decision to withdraw from it;**
- **Working with fellow C40 city leaders to adopt even stronger measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and**

- **Making climate change a top priority for his remaining time in office, particularly when lobbying the government and making the case for London during the Brexit negotiations.”**

5.5 Upon being put to the vote, the amendments to the motion, was carried (with 11 votes cast in favour and 2 votes cast against).

5.6 Upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion, as amended, was agreed (with 11 votes cast in favour and 2 vote cast against).

6 Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)

6.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly was the Mayor’s Question Time meeting will take place at 10.00am on Thursday 6 July 2017 in the Chamber, City Hall.

7 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 7)

7.1 There were no items of urgent business.

8 Close of Meeting

8.1 The meeting closed at 12.25pm.

Chair

Date

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