

MINUTES

Meeting: Environment Committee
Date: Thursday 14 June 2018
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Caroline Russell AM (Chair)
Leonie Cooper AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour AM
Jennette Arnold OBE AM
Dr Onkar Sahota AM

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

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Shaun Bailey AM and David Kurten AM.

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 23 May 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 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 recent action taken by the Chair under delegated authority, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the Committee's report *Electric Vehicles in London* be noted.

6 Draft Food Strategy (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on Mayor of London's draft Food Strategy to the following invited guests:

- Claire Pritchard, Chair, London Food Board;
- Mark Ainsbury, Principal Policy Officer, Greater London Authority;
- Anna Taylor OBE, Executive Director, The Food Foundation; and
- Sarah Williams, Programme Director, Sustain.

6.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.

6.3 During the course of the discussion, Members requested the following additional information:

- Further information on the model of the economic benefits of eating the recommended amount of fruit and vegetables from the Executive Director, The Food Foundation; and
- A list of urban growing environments and the organisations response to the Environment Strategy from the Programme Director, Sustain.

6.4 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and discussion be noted.**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output from the discussions.**

7 Environment Committee Work Programme (Item 7)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the scope and terms of reference for its work on the environmental impact of food growing in London's green belt.**
- (b) That the work programme for the 2018/19 Assembly year, as set out in paragraph 4.2 to 4.13 be noted.**
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to write to the Natural Environment Research Council in support of their bid to the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund, as set out in**

paragraph 4.14 of the report.

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

8.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 12 July 2018 at 2.00pm 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 11.55am.

Chair

Date

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