

MINUTES

Meeting: Environment Committee
Date: Thursday 20 September 2018
Time: 2.00 pm
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
Unmesh Desai AM
Nicky Gavron AM
Navin Shah AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Shaun Bailey AM, David Kurten AM, Jennette Arnold OBE AM for whom Unmesh Desai AM substituted, and Onkar Sahota AM for whom Nicky Gavron AM substituted.
- 1.2 Navin Shah left at the arrival of Nicky Gavron 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 14 June 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.

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 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 following, be noted:

- (a) The Committee’s report, *Single-use plastic: unflushables*, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report;**
- (b) The scope and terms of reference for the Committee’s investigation into green belt farming, as attached at Appendix 2 to the report;**
- (c) The summary of the Committee’s visit to Forty Hall, Enfield, as attached at Appendix 3 to the report;**
- (d) The Committee’s response to the Mayor’s draft Food Strategy, as attached at Appendix 4 to the report; and**
- (e) The Committee’s response to the consultation on the proposed Riverside Energy Park in Belvedere, as attached at Appendix 5 to the report.**

6 Response to the Committee's Report, Wasting London's Future (Item 6)

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

6.2 **Resolved:**

That the response from the Mayor to the Committee's report, *Wasting London's Future*, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, and the review of the impact of the report as attached at Appendix 2, be noted.

7 Embodied Carbon in Buildings (Item 7)

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on embodied carbon to the following invited guests:

- Simon Sturgis, Founder, Sturgis Carbon Profiling;
- Jane Wakiwaka, Sustainability Manager, The Crown Estate;
- Robbie Epsom, Sustainability Consultant, WSP;
- Julie Godefroy, Head of Sustainability Development, Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers;
- Rhian Williams, Senior Strategic Planner, Greater London Authority (GLA); and
- Anne-Marie Robinson, Senior Policy and Programmes Officer, GLA.

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

7.3 During the course of the discussion, Members requested additional information from the Senior Strategic Planner, GLA, as to whether a policy would be included in the London Plan to ensure targets and monitoring of energy assessments.

7.4 During the discussion, a member had indicated they needed to leave, the Chair took the remainder of the agenda items, and the Committee went into informal discussion with guests.

7.5 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion up to the meeting being inquorate be noted.

8 Environment Committee Work Programme (Item 8)

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

8.2 The Chair took opportunity to put on record the Committee's thanks to the former Assistant Scrutiny Manager, Grace Loseby, for her work over the past two years on a wide range of scrutiny reviews for the Environment Committee.

8.3 **Resolved:**

(a) That the letter sent to all London Members of Parliament in June 2018, urging them to vote against the Heathrow airport expansion, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

(b) That it be agreed that the October 2018 meeting slot be used to discuss the environmental impacts of aviation be agreed.

(c) That it be agreed that the November and December 2018 meeting slots be used to discuss cold and damp homes.

(d) That the Committee's current work programme be noted.

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

9.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Thursday, 11 October 2018 at 10.00 am in the Chamber, City Hall.

10 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 10)

10.1 There were no items of business that the Chair considered to be urgent.

11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting ended at 4.18pm.

11.2 Following the close of the meeting, Caroline Russell AM (Chair) and Leonie Cooper AM (Deputy Chair) continued to discuss embodied carbon in buildings with the guests. The informal discussion is attached at **Appendix 2**.

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Environment Committee
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Chair

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