

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Environment Committee**  
**Date: Thursday 28 February 2019**  
**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  
Shaun Bailey AM  
David Kurten AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Dr Onkar Sahota AM, for whom Len Duvall AM substituted.
- 1.2 During Item 7, the Chair welcomed students from New City College, Hackney, New Vlc College, Newham, City & Islington College, Islington and Richmond upon Thames College, Richmond to the public gallery.

**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 16 January 2019 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 following recent action taken by the Chair under delegated authority, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, be noted:**

- (a) An output for the 8 November 2018 meeting's discussion on aviation;**
- (b) A response to the Government's consultation on proposals to ban the distribution and/or sale of plastic straws, plastic-stemmed cotton buds and plastic drink stirrers in England;**
- (c) An output from the 20 September 2018 meeting's discussion on embodied carbon in buildings; and**
- (d) An output from the 16 January 2019 meeting's discussion on air pollution in London.**

## 6 Responses to Environment Committee Outputs (Item 6)

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

6.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) **That the Mayoral response to the Committee's letter on plastic waste be noted;**
- (b) **That the Report Impact Review on the Committee's report, *Single-use plastic: unflushables*, be noted; and**
- (c) **That the Impact Review for the Committee's response to the draft London Food Strategy be noted.**

## 7 Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy (Item 7)

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions to the Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy.

7.2 The following officers from the Greater London Authority were also in attendance for this meeting:

- Andrew Dunwoody, Policy and Programme Manager – Waste and the Green Economy;
- Elliot Treharne, Head of Air Quality;
- Andrew Jones, Policy and Programme Manager – Green Infrastructure; and
- Claire Jaimeson, Principal Policy and Programme Officer - Zero Carbon Policy Team.

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

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

- An update on improvements that have been made to borough's recycling performances and trends through joining sub regional Waste Partnerships, including which boroughs have jointed;
- What level of the six dry recyclables are being collected on a borough by borough basis;
- Where the artistically decorated textile installations have been put up as part of the *Love not Landfill* campaign;
- An update on the trial for private rented sector properties to access funding to make energy efficiency savings, including how many private rented sector properties took

part and how it will work;

- The timescales for funding models which might be able to support energy retrofits in the private rented sector, social housing and able-to-pay households;
- Subject to availability, how far the rollout of smart meters conducted by energy companies has progressed across London;
- How much decentralised generating capacity had been gained by London since the Mayor was elected in 2016 and how much more is going to be required by 2030;
- A copy of the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants (COMEAP) report on the impacts of poor air quality on the Tube; and
- Whether Transport for London financially penalises businesses who have committed to switching to electric vehicles but have to wait for them to be delivered.

7.5 **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 an output from the discussion.**

## **8 Environment Committee Work Programme (Item 8)**

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the Committee's previous work on the expansion of Heathrow airport be noted.**
- (b) That the work programme for the 2018/19 Assembly year and the schedule of provisional meetings for the 2019/20 Assembly year be noted.**
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any scrutiny arrangements and outputs before the first formal meeting of the 2019/20 Assembly year.**

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

9.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 22 May 2019 at 10.00am in Committee Room 5, City Hall, subject to agreement at the Annual Meeting of the London Assembly on 2 May 2019.

## 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 12.45 pm.

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Chair

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Date

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