

MINUTES

Meeting: Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee (Extraordinary)
Date: Tuesday 5 November 2019
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Andrew Dismore AM (Chair)
Susan Hall AM (Deputy Chairman)
Shaun Bailey AM
Leonie Cooper AM
Len Duvall AM
Navin Shah AM (Part way through Item 4 - Item 5)*
*(See minute 2.1)

1 To Ratify the Calling of the Meeting in Accordance with Paragraph 1.7 of the Authority's Standing Orders (Item 1)

1.1 In accordance with paragraphs 1.7 and 1.10A of the Authority's Standing Orders the Chair stated his agreement that the meeting be called as a matter of urgency to consider the Phase 1 report from the Grenfell Tower Inquiry at the earliest opportunity, in accordance with section 100B(4)(B) of the Local Government Act 1972.

2 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 2)

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Gareth Bacon AM, for whom Shaun Bailey AM substituted, Florence Eshalomi AM, and David Kurten AM. Len Duvall AM attended the meeting as substitute for Florence Eshalomi AM, for Items 1 through to part

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way through Item 4. At 11.30am, after Len Duvall AM had left, Navin Shah AM attended as a replacement substitute for Florence Eshalomi AM until the end of the meeting.

- 2.2 At the outset of the Item 4, a minute's silence was observed in memory of those who had lost their lives in the Grenfell Tower Fire.

3 Declarations of Interests (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 3, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

4 Grenfell Tower Inquiry: Phase 1 Report (Item 4)

- 4.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat, as background to putting questions to the following invited guests on the Phase 1 report of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry:
- Dany Cotton QFSM, London Fire Commissioner, London Fire Brigade (LFB);
 - Dr Fiona Twycross AM, Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience;
 - Andy Bell, Assistant Commissioner, LFB.
 - Roy Wilsher, Chair, National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC);
 - Mark Hardingham, Chair of the NFCC Protection and Business Safety Committee and Chief Fire Officer, and Executive Director, Fire and Public Safety, Suffolk County Council; and
 - Matt Wrack, General Secretary, Fire Brigades Union (FBU).
- 4.2 The London Fire Commissioner, the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience and the General Secretary, FBU, made brief opening statements regarding the Phase 1 report of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.
- 4.3 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 4.4 During the course of the discussion, the General Secretary, FBU, undertook to provide details of the times when the FBU submitted information warning of the risk of external cladding fires, including who was written to.
- 4.5 During the course of the discussion, the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience undertook to consult on the format and report back details on the progress of implementing the recommendations raised in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 1 report.
- 4.6 During the course of the discussion the London Fire Commissioner undertook to provide an update on the delivery of improvements to the Fire Survival Guidance policies and procedures

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and associated training if they had not been delivered by the end of 2019.

4.7 At 12:07pm the Chair adjourned the meeting due to a disturbance from the public gallery. The meeting resumed at 12:07pm.

4.8 At the end of the discussion the Chair thanked the guests for their attendance and contributions.

4.9 **Resolved:**

(a) That the report and subsequent discussion be noted; and

(b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Leads, to agree any output from the discussion.

5 Close of Meeting

5.1 The meeting ended at 12:31pm.

Chair

Date

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