

MINUTES

Meeting: Planning and Regeneration Committee

Date: Tuesday 14 July 2020

Time: 11.00 am

Place: Virtual Meeting

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Present:

Andrew Boff AM (Chair)
Nicky Gavron AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Devenish AM
Murad Qureshi AM
Navin Shah AM

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

- 1.1 The Chair explained that the meeting was being held on a virtual basis, in accordance with Government regulations and Assembly Members were participating remotely.
- 1.2 The Clerk read the roll-call of Assembly Members who were participating remotely. There were no apologies for absence.

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 Membership of the Committee (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the membership and chairing arrangements for the Committee, which were agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 15 May 2020 be noted:

**Andrew Boff AM (Chair)
Nicky Gavron AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Devenish AM
Murad Qureshi AM
Navin Shah AM**

4 Terms of Reference (Item 4)

4.1 Resolved:

That the following terms of reference, which were agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 15 May 2020, be noted:

To examine and report on matters relating to spatial development, planning and regeneration in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Spatial Development Strategy ('The London Plan').

**Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:
Old Oak Common and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC)
London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC).**

5 Standing Delegations (Item 5)

5.1 Resolved:

That the following standing delegations of authority to the Chair of the Committee be noted:

- (a) At its Annual Meeting on 1 May 2013, the Assembly agreed to delegate a general authority to Chairs of all ordinary committees and sub-committees to respond on the relevant committee or sub-committee's behalf, following consultation with the lead Members of the party Groups on the committee or sub-committee, where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a committee meeting;**
- (b) At its meeting on 6 June 2019, the Assembly agreed to delegate authority to Chairs of ordinary committees, sub-committees and working groups to agree, in consultation with relevant party Lead Group Members and Deputy Chairs:**
 - (i) The detailed terms of reference for any investigation to be undertaken by the relevant committee, sub-committee or working group within its work programme as agreed by the GLA Oversight Committee, and any related project plans and arrangements for related site visits or informal meetings; and**
 - (ii) The topic and scope for any additional projects to be added to its work programme, where it is not practicable to secure prior approval from the GLA Oversight Committee and subject also to subsequent ratification by the GLA Oversight Committee.**

6 Minutes (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 23 January 2020 and the minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration Committee held on 27 February 2020 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7 Summary List of Actions (Item 7)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the completed, outstanding and closed actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee and the additional correspondence as listed in the report be noted; and**
- (b) That the response from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government in regards to the letter sent by the Planning Committee on the topic of Permitted Development Rights be noted.**

8 Action Taken under Delegated Authority (Item 8)

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the action taken by the Chairman of the Regeneration Committee under delegated authority, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree the Committee's output from the discussion on Public Land Disposal at the Committee Meeting held on 9 October 2019 be noted.**
- (b) That the actions taken by the Chair of the Planning Committee under delegated authority, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, be noted, namely:**
 - (i) to agree the Committee's output from the discussion on the London Plan at the Committee Meeting held on 23 January 2020;**
 - (ii) to agree the Committee's output from the discussion on Permitted Development Rights at the Committee Meeting held on 18 September 2019; and**
 - (iii) to agree the Committee's output from the discussion on Neighbourhood Planning and London's Communities at the Committee Meeting held on 25 May 2019.**

9 Response to Planning Committee: Planning Decisions of Potential Strategic Importance (Item 9)

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

9.2 **Resolved:**

That the response from the Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, on behalf of the Mayor of London, to the Planning Committee output on Planning Decisions of Potential Strategic Importance be noted.

10 Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on Local Planning Authorities (Item 10)

10.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on the impact of COVID-19 on Local Planning Authorities to the following invited guests:

- Bethany Cullen, Head of Development Management, London Borough of Camden;
- James Fennell, Chief Executive, Lichfields;
- Victoria Hills, Chief Executive, Royal Town Planning Institute; and
- Peter Eversden, Chairman, London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies.

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

10.3 During the course of the discussion, the Chief Executive, Royal Town Planning Institute, undertook to provide the Committee with examples of local planning authorities in London using increased delegation powers as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

10.4 The Chairman of the London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies undertook to provide more information on the number of councils recording their planning meetings and making these recordings available for members of the public unable to watch the meeting live, and on what technology and platforms these were being made available.

10.5 The Head of Development Management of the London Borough of Camden undertook to confirm whether payments due to TfL and the GLA from local boroughs in regards to the Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy (e.g. for Crossrail) were made on a quarterly or annual basis.

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10.6 During the course of the discussion, all guests were invited to write to the Committee with any further views on the following questions:

- What more could be done to modify the approach for greater and better community engagement with planning decisions during the crisis; and
- What developers and councils could do to ensure that people with less access to technology can contribute to planning meetings and decision making.

10.7 **Resolved:**

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

(b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree any outputs from the discussion.

11 London Plan Update (Item 11)

11.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on progress on the London Plan to the following invited guests:

- Jules Pipe, Deputy Mayor, Planning, Regeneration and Skills; and
- Lisa Fairmaner, Interim Head of London Plan & Growth Strategies, GLA.

11.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix 2**.

11.3 During the course of the discussion, the the Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, undertook to provide the following:

- Further detail of the five areas of the Secretary of State’s directions to the Mayor on the London Plan on which conversations are still in progress; and
- More information on the forthcoming changes expected from the Government in terms of planning “deregulation” when this is known.

11.4 **Resolved:**

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

(b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree any outputs from the discussion.

12 Planning and Regeneration Committee Work Programme (Item 12)

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

12.2 Resolved:

That its work programme as agreed under delegated authority by the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee on 13 May 2020 be noted.

13 Date of Next Meeting (Item 13)

13.1 The next meeting of the Committee would be confirmed in due course by the London Assembly.

14 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 14)

14.1 There was no business the Chair considered urgent.

15 Close of Meeting

15.1 The meeting ended at 1.25pm.

Chair

Date

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