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**Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**

Date: Thursday 9 September 2021

Time: 10.00 am

**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk,
London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

Marina Ahmad AM

Shaun Bailey AM

Elly Baker AM

Siân Berry AM

Emma Best AM

Andrew Boff AM

Hina Bokhari AM

Anne Clarke AM

Léonie Cooper AM

Unmesh Desai AM

Tony Devenish AM

Peter Fortune AM

Neil Garratt AM

Susan Hall AM

Krupesh Hirani AM

Joanne McCartney AM

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

Zack Polanski AM

Keith Prince AM

Nicholas Rogers AM

Caroline Russell AM

Dr Onkar Sahota AM

Sakina Sheikh AM

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

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members, officers and the public, both in the gallery and watching on the webcast, to the Mayor's Question Time meeting of the London Assembly.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Len Duvall AM and Sem Moema AM.
- 1.3 The Chair provided an update on recent Assembly activity, including: the Police and Crime Committee urging the Mayor to discuss the combat against online terrorism with tech companies; the Environment Committee requesting that the Mayor ensures London take advantage of opportunities presented by the historic COP26 meeting; the Health Committee requesting the Mayor to inform the Assembly of actions taken with Transport for London (TfL) to reinforce messaging around the wearing of face masks and the Chair's attendance at the London Youth Assembly which discussed issues key to young people, including education and the impact of COVID-19.
- 1.4 On behalf of the Assembly, the Chair offered a message of support and thanks to the growing Hispanics, Latinos, and Lusophones communities helping to make London one of the most diverse cities in the world, in celebration of Amigo Month. The Chair also wished Len Duvall AM a speedy recovery from his recent illness on behalf of the Assembly.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Assembly 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 Mayor's Report (Item 3)

- 3.1 The Assembly noted the Mayor's Report covering the period from 2 July to 26 August 2021.
- 3.2 In accordance with Standing Order 5.4A, the Mayor gave an oral update on matters occurring since the publication of his report. The record of the oral update is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.3 **Resolved:**

That the Mayor's Report covering the period from 2 July to 26 August 2021 be noted.

4 Questions to the Mayor (Item 4)

- 4.1 The record of the discussion with the Mayor, including oral answers given by the Mayor to Members' questions, is attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 4.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 4.3 Following the receipt of the answer to question 2021/3358, the meeting adjourned at 11.32am, reconvening at 11.39am.
- 4.4 During the course of the question and answer session the Chair proposed, and it was agreed, that Standing Order 2.9B be suspended to extend the meeting in order to allow the remaining questions on the priority order paper to be put to the Mayor and for the remaining items of business on the agenda to be considered.
- 4.5 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Assembly agreed the motion set out on the agenda in the name of the Chair, namely:

"That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked".

5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)

- 5.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 5.2 **Resolved:**

That the recent action taken by the Chair of the London Assembly in accordance with the authority delegated be noted, namely to agree to hold a Confirmation Hearing in relation to the proposed appointment of Dr Liz Goodwin OBE as Chair of ReLondon.

6 Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)

- 6.1 The next meeting of the London Assembly was the Mayor's Question Time meeting which was scheduled to take place at 10.00am on 14 October 2021 in the Chamber, City Hall.

7 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 7)

- 7.1 There were no items of urgent business.

8 Close of Meeting

- 8.1 The meeting ended at 12.50pm.

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Chair

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