

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Health Committee**

**Date: Wednesday 2 March 2022**

**Time: 2.00 pm**

**Place: G02 – G03 – G04, LFB Headquarters,  
169 Union Street, London, SE1 0LL**

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Present:

Caroline Russell AM (Chair)

Emma Best AM (Deputy Chairman)

Krupesh Hirani AM

Dr Onkar Sahota AM

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

1.1 There were no apologies for absence. In accordance with Standing Order 2.4, with the permission of the Chair, Andrew Boff AM participated in the meeting remotely.

## **2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)**

2.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly 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 13 January 2022 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 Assembly Secretariat.

#### **4.2 Resolved:**

**That the completed and ongoing actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted.**

### **5 Responses to The Toilet Paper Report (Item 5)**

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

#### **5.2 Resolved:**

**That the responses from the Mayor of London and the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to the Committee's *The Toilet Paper* report, be noted.**

### **6 Health Inequalities Strategy Implementation Plan 2021-2024 (Item 6)**

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat as background to putting questions on the Health Inequalities Strategy (HIS) Implementation Plan to the following invited guests:

- Jazz Bhogal, Assistant Director of Health, Education and Youth, Greater London Authority (GLA);
- Professor Kevin Fenton CBE, Regional Director for London, Office of Health Improvement and Disparities, and Statutory Health Advisor to the GLA; and
- Dr Tom Coffey OBE, Mayoral Health Advisor.

6.2 Before the main discussion started, the Chair invited the Regional Director for London, and GLA Statutory Health Advisor, to provide a quick public health update in light of the lifting of COVID measures.

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

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- 6.4 During the course of the discussion, the Regional Director for London, and Statutory Health Advisor to the GLA, agreed to:
- Provide budgetary details of how much other funding is being made available across the wider GLA group to deliver the HIS and the commitments in the Implementation Plan;
  - Look at the recent results of the Committee’s trans access to healthcare report and support the implementation of those recommendations and to work with the Committee to understand how some of the core principles of the HIS may be applied to address the health inequalities challenges faced by trans people;
  - Confirm how the effects on the mental health of disabled people who have had their mobility reduced by the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is being evaluated and monitored and to undertake to talk to disabled organisations in informing the response;
  - Confirm whether and how the GLA Health team have been involved in the planning and implementation of the Silvertown Tunnel and to supply any communication which has taken place from the Health team to the project team;
  - Confirm whose responsibility it will be to monitor the air quality and whose job will it be to comment on any violations that take place regarding the Silvertown Tunnel, and whether the Health team can collaborate with Transport for London and suggest improvement in terms of the way that the construction process is being managed regarding air pollution; and
  - Detail the amount of funding that has been earmarked to help take the London Recovery Board’s structural inequalities commitments forward.
- 6.5 During the course of the discussion, the Mayoral Health Advisor agreed to:
- Confirm the amount of funding allocated by the Mayor to deliver the campaign to make London a Living Wage city;
  - Advocate within the GLA for evaluating the wider health inequalities impact that the ULEZ has had as part of the ‘health in all policies’ approach. (For instance, the impact on small businesses and the knock on impact on health where income is impacted);
  - Communicate to local authorities that there is flexibility for School Superzones regarding the size of zones based on local context; and
  - Confirm the number of young people surveyed by Kantar regarding the advertising ban and an explanation of the reason that the survey did not include those foods which the ban was specifically designed to prevent.
- 6.6 The Assistant Director of Health, Education and Youth, agreed to confirm more details as to the anticipated partners for the Mental Health and Wellbeing mission commitments and the additional funding anticipated from those partners and the partnership approach to delivering the mission.

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**6.7 Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and subsequent discussion be noted.**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any outputs from the discussion.**

**7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)**

7.1 The date of the next meeting of the Committee would be confirmed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting.

**8 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 8)**

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

**9 Close of Meeting**

9.1 The meeting ended at 4.57 pm.

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Chair

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Date

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