MINUTES

Meeting: Planning Committee
Date: Tuesday 11 December 2012
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Nicky Gavron (Chair)
Navin Shah (Deputy Chair)
Andrew Boff
Len Duvall
Roger Evans
Onkar Sahota
Valerie Shawcross CBE

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

1.1 Apologies were received from Tony Arbour AM, Steve O’Connell AM and Gareth Bacon AM. Roger Evans AM attended as a substitute.

2. Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 Resolved:

(a) That the list of memberships of functional bodies and London borough councils, as set out in the table at Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests; and

(b) That gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out in the Authority’s
Gifts and hospitality register, be noted; and

(c) That the following Members’ interests and membership of functional bodies, in relation to the discussion at Item 5, Proposal for a Review of the Future of London’s Town Centre, be noted:

- Roger Evans AM, Member of the London Borough of Havering and Chair, and Board Member, Thames Gateway Development Corporation, as a disclosable pecuniary interest, and
- Andrew Boff AM, Member, Broadway Market Traders and Residents Association, as a non-pecuniary interest.

3. Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 17 October 2012 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 action arising from the previous meeting of the Committee be noted.
5. **Proposal for a Review of the Future of London’s Town Centres (Item 5)**

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

5.2 Resolved:

That it be Committee agreed to carry out a review of the future of London’s town centres with terms of reference as set out in the report.

5.3 In accordance with Standing Order 2.2D the Chair announced that she would take Items 6 to 9 in a different order from that set out in the agenda.

6. **Response to the Former Planning and Housing Committee’s Report: Review of Mayoral Planning Decisions (Item 7)**

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

6.2 Resolved:

That the response from the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Policy to the report, *Review of Mayoral Planning Decisions*, by the University of Westminster commissioned by the former Planning and Housing Committee be noted.

7. **Planning Committee Work Programme 2012/13 (Item 8)**

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

7.1 Resolved:

That the report updating Members on the status of various items on the Committee’s work programme and the main items for the Assembly Year 2012/13 be noted.

8. **Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)**

8.1 The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 15 January 2012 at 3.30pm in Committee Room 5, City Hall.

9. **The Future of London’s Town Centres (Item 6)**
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9.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

9.2 The Chair welcomed students from the following university planning departments: University College London, Reading, London School of Economics, Kingston, Reading and South Bank, who were in attendance to listen to the Committee’s discussion with experts on the future of London’s town centres.

9.3 The following guests attended the meeting to answer the Committee’s questions:

- Sir Terry Farrell – Founder, Terry Farrell and Partners;
- William McKee - Chair, Outer London Commission;
- Julian Dobson – Director, Urban Pollinators;
- Ziona Strelitz – Founding Director, ZZA Responsive User Environments;
- John Burton – Development Director, Westfield;
- James Miller - Lead Consultant, Experian;
- Henrietta Green – Food writer and consultant; and
- Simon Willis - Co-Founder & Managing Director, Purpose Europe

9.4 A transcript of the discussion is attached at Appendix 1.

9.5 Resolved:

(a) That the report be noted as background to the discussion; and

(b) That the next Committee meeting on 15 January 2013 would focus on potential ways of implementing different approaches to supporting London’s town centres in the future, through planning policy, investment and other means.

10. Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 10)

10.1 There was no business the Chair considered urgent.

11. End of Meeting

11.1 The meeting ended at 12.31pm.
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