

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Planning Committee**  
**Date: Wednesday 18 March 2015**  
**Time: 2.00 pm**  
**Place: Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Nicky Gavron AM (Chair)  
Steve O'Connell AM (Deputy Chair)  
Andrew Boff AM  
Tom Copley AM  
Navin Shah AM

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

1.1 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 Minutes (Item 3)**

#### **3.1 Resolved**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 January 2015 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 outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee, as listed in the report, be noted.**

### **5 Design Approaches to New Housing Development (Item 5)**

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions to the following guests:

- David Birkbeck, Chief Executive, Design for Homes;
- Martin Green, Head of Specialist Housing Services, London Borough of Southwark;
- Esther Kurland, Director, Urban Design London; and
- Philipp Rode, Executive Director and Senior Research Fellow, LSE Cities.

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

5.3 Three of the guests present gave presentations during the course of the meeting, which can be found attached to the minutes as follows:

- Esther Kurland's presentation is attached at **Appendix 2**;
- Philipp Rode's presentation is attached at **Appendix 3**; and
- David Birkbeck's presentation is attached at **Appendix 4**.

#### **5.4 Resolved:**

**(a) That the report and discussion with guests on design approaches to new housing development be noted;**

**(b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree a future site visit to new developments in London that demonstrate different approaches to delivering high quality and sustainable housing for a range of individuals and families; and**

**(c) That the Committee use the discussion on this item to contribute to a response to the revised Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance that was expected to be published for consultation in May 2015.**

## **6 Letter to the Mayor - Tall Buildings and London's Skyline (Item 6)**

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

6.2 **Resolved:**

**That the letter to the Mayor from the Chair of the Planning Committee be noted.**

## **7 Responses to Planning Committee report 'Localism in London: What's the Story?' (Item 7)**

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

**(a) That the responses to the final report on the review of progress in London since the introduction of the Localism Act in 2011 be noted; and**

**(b) That the Committee build in further follow up and monitoring of the issues raised at Appendix 1 to the report in the development of its future work programme.**

## **8 Planning Committee Work Programme (Item 8)**

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

**(a) That the report and the work completed in the Assembly year 2014/15, as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report, be noted;**

**(b) That the topics being considered in the ongoing work towards drafting a full work programme for 2015/16, as set out in paragraphs 4.4 to 4.10, be noted;**

**(c) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree a work programme for approval at the next Committee meeting on 16 June 2015; and**

**(d) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree the main item for the next Committee meeting on 16 June 2015.**

## **9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)**

9.1 Noting that it is subject to a decision of the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 13 May 2015, the date of the next meeting of the Committee was scheduled as Tuesday 16 June 2015 at 10.00 am in Committee Room 5.

## **10 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 10)**

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

## **11 Close of Meeting**

11.1 The meeting ended at 5.01pm.

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Chair

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Date

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