

MINUTES

Meeting: Planning Committee
Date: Tuesday 16 June 2015
Time: 10.00 am
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
Navin Shah AM
Jennette Arnold OBE AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Tom Copley AM, for whom Jennette Arnold OBE AM substituted.

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 on the table at Item 2 on the agenda, 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, as agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual meeting on 13 May 2015, be noted as follows:

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

4 Terms of Reference (Item 4)

4.1 Resolved:

That the terms of reference of the Committee, as agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 13 May 2015, be noted as follows:

- 1. To examine and report from time to time on –
 - matters of importance to Greater London; and
 - the strategies, policies and actions of the Mayor and the Functional Bodies.

- as they relate to spatial development and planning matters in London, in particular the Mayor's Spatial Development Strategy ('The London Plan').**
- 2. When invited by the Mayor, to contribute to his consideration of major planning applications.**
- 3. To monitor the Mayor's exercise of his statutory powers in regard to major planning applications referred by the local planning authorities, and to report to the Assembly with any proposal for submission to the Mayor for the improvement of the process.**
- 4. To review Local Development Documents submitted to the Mayor by the local planning authorities for consistency with his strategies overall, to prepare a response to the Mayor for consideration by the Assembly, and to monitor the Mayor's decisions with regard to Local Development Documents.**
- 5. To consider planning matters on request from another standing committee and report its opinion to that standing committee.**

6. To consider, as necessary, strategic planning matters as set out in The Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008 and to make recommendations as appropriate.
(The Assembly has no powers in relation to any individual planning applications.)
7. To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference.
8. To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity.

5 Standing Delegation (Item 5)

5.1 Resolved

That the following standing delegation be noted:

'That a general authority be delegated to the Chair, following consultation with the lead Members of the party groups on the Committee, to respond on the Committee's behalf where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a Committee meeting.'

6 Minutes (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2015 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:

That the outstanding action arising from a previous meeting of the Committee, as set out in the report, be noted.

7.3 In accordance with Standing Order 2.2D, the Chair took the next four items in a different order than that set out on the agenda.

8 Responses to Planning Committee report 'Localism in London: What's the Story?' (Item 9)

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

That the two responses to the final report on the review of progress in London since the introduction of the Localism Act in 2011, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report, be noted.

9 Planning Committee Work Programme 2015/16 (Item 10)

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

9.2 **Resolved:**

(a) That the report be noted.

(b) That the details set out in paragraph 4.1 -4.14 of the report be agreed as the main agenda items for each meeting of the coming year; and

(c) That the priorities set out in paragraph 3.4 be noted when opportunities for revising the work programme arise in the coming year.

10 Date of Next Meeting (Item 11)

10.1 The date of the next meeting of the Committee was confirmed as Thursday, 16 July at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 5, City Hall.

11 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 12)

11.1 There was no other business the Chair considered urgent.

12 Minor Alterations to the London Plan and Housing SPG Consultations (Item 8)

12.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on the Minor Alterations to the London Plan consultation to the following invited guests:

- John Lett, Strategic Planning Manager, Greater London Authority (GLA);
- Peter Heath, Senior Planner, London Plan Team, GLA;
- Peter Wright, Programme Manager, Transport for London;
- Michael Bach, London Forum of Civic and Amenity Societies;
- William McKee, Chair of the Outer London Commission; and
- James MacColl, Head of Campaigns, Campaign for Better Transport.

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

12.3 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on the Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) consultation to the following guests:

- John Lett, Strategic Planning Manager, GLA;
- Jennifer Peters, Senior Strategic Planner, GLA; and
- Celeste Giusti, Senior Strategic Planner, GLA.

12.4 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 2**.

12.5 During the course of the discussion, Jennifer Peters agreed to supply the Committee with:

- The responses of stakeholders (such as Age UK) to the changes in wheelchair accessible dwellings as received by the Strategic Access Panel;
- As far as possible, to provide the Committee with monitoring information on the delivery of the wheelchair standard, broken down by public and private tenure.

12.6 **Resolved:**

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

- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman, to agree the Committee's final response to the consultation on: the Minor Alterations to the London Plan by 22 June 2015; and the Draft Interim Housing SPG by 7 August 2015.

13 Close of Meeting

13.1 The meeting ended at 12.35.

Chair

Date

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