

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Confirmation Hearings Committee**  
**Date: Tuesday 13 October 2015**  
**Time: 3.30 pm**  
**Place: Committee Room 2, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Tom Copley AM (Chair)  
Andrew Boff AM  
Darren Johnson AM (substitute for Jenny Jones AM)  
Stephen Knight AM (substitute for Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM)  
Murad Qureshi AM (substitute for Joanne McCartney AM)  
Valerie Shawcross CBE AM  
Richard Tracey AM

## **1 Election of Chair (Item 1)**

- 1.1 In accordance with Standing Order 1.5F, the Clerk to the Committee sought nominations for the office of Chair of the Committee for the meeting.
- 1.2 It was moved by Andrew Boff AM, and seconded by Valerie Shawcross CBE AM, that Tom Copley AM be appointed as the Chair for the meeting.
- 1.3 There being no other nominations it was:
- 1.4 **Resolved:**

**That Tom Copley AM be appointed Chair of the Confirmation Hearings Committee for this meeting.**

[Tom Copley AM in the Chair.]

## **2 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 2)**

- 2.1 Apologies were received on behalf of: Len Duvall AM; Jenny Jones AM, for whom Darren Johnson AM attended as a substitute; Joanne McCartney AM, for whom Murad Qureshi AM attended as a substitute; Steve O'Connell AM; and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, for whom Stephen Knight AM attended as a substitute.

## **3 Declarations of Interests (Item 3)**

- 3.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 3.2 The Chair invited David Edmonds CBE to declare any interests relevant to the business of the meeting or in relation to his appointment to the office of Chairman of the London Legacy Development Corporation. Mr Edmonds confirmed that he did not have any relevant interests to declare.
- 3.3 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 3, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests; and**
  - (b) That the gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out in the Authority's gifts and hospitality register, be noted.**

## **4 Minutes (Item 4)**

- 4.1 **Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2015 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

## **5 Confirmation Hearing in Respect of the Appointment to the Office of Chairman of the London Legacy Development Corporation (Item 5)**

- 5.1 Before moving to the question and answer session with the Mayor's nominee for the office of Chairman of the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC), the Chair asked the Committee formally to note the background information circulated with the agenda for the meeting and the information received and circulated after publication of the agenda (attached at **Appendix 1** to these minutes).

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5.2 The Committee then put questions to David Edmonds CBE in relation to his proposed appointment.

5.3 The transcript of the question and answer session is attached at **Appendix 2**.

5.4 Following the question and answer session, the Committee discussed its recommendation to the Mayor in relation to this appointment and it was agreed unanimously to recommend that the Mayor should proceed with his appointment of Mr Edmonds to the office of Chairman of the LLDC.

5.5 The Committee further agreed that: the letter should also reflect the Committee's view that the Chairman should commit to ensuring greater transparency at the LLDC, including in relation to key contracts let by the LLDC; and, noting the proposal to appoint Mr Edmonds for a period of three years, it should place on record that it would welcome a period of stability at the LLDC in terms of continuity of leadership.

**5.6 Resolved:**

- (a) That the background information set out on the agenda at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report be noted;**
- (b) That the following information received and circulated after publication of the agenda, be noted:**
  - (i) An updated summary of the role and responsibilities of the Chairman of the LLDC, including a summary of key issues and priorities for the LLDC for the 2015/16 year and beyond; and**
  - (ii) A CV and supporting statement from David Edmonds CBE.**
- (c) That it be agreed to recommend that the Mayor should proceed with his appointment of David Edmonds CBE to the office of Chairman of the London Pensions Fund Authority; and**
- (d) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with Members of the Confirmation Hearings Committee, to approve the wording of a letter to the Mayor conveying the Committee's recommendation and the additional comments recorded above.**

**6 Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)**

6.1 The Committee noted that no further meetings of the Committee were currently scheduled.

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

7.1 There was no urgent business requiring consideration.

## 8 Close of Meeting

8.1 The meeting finished at 4.24pm.

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Chair

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Date

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