

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Health Committee**  
**Date: Tuesday 29 November 2016**  
**Time: 10.00 am**  
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Dr Onkar Sahota AM (Chair)  
Shaun Bailey AM (Deputy Chair)  
Andrew Boff AM  
Unmesh Desai AM

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

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Jennette Arnold OBE AM.

**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 held on 19 October 2016 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 actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted.**

### **5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)**

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

#### **5.2 Resolved:**

**That the recent action taken by the Chair under delegated authority be noted, namely to agree, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman:**

- (a) The letter to the Mayor on Transport for London's role in promoting health in London, attached at Appendix 1 of the report; and**
- (b) That the meeting on 29 November 2016 be used for a discussion on suicide prevention in London.**

### **6 Suicide Prevention in London (Item 6)**

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on suicide prevention in London to the following invited guests:

- Amanda Coyle, Assistant Director, Health and Communities, Greater London Authority;
- Dr Paul Plant, Deputy Director, Public Health England (London);
- Professor David Mosse, Professor of Social Anthropology, University of London; Chair, Haringey Suicide Prevention Group;
- Jane Powell, Chief Executive, Campaign Against Living Miserably; and

- Dr Tamara Djuretic, Association of Directors of Public Health (London); and Public Health Consultant, Haringey.

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

6.3 During the course of the discussion, Members requested the following additional information:

- Data on how the suicide rate in London compares with that of other UK cities;
- Details of the suicide prevention programme adopted in Londonderry, Northern Ireland; and
- Forward notice of the mental health strategy announcement due to be made by the Mayor in December 2016.

6.4 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the scope for the Committee's review into suicide prevention in London, outlined at Appendix 1 to the report, be agreed;**
- (b) That the report, and subsequent discussion, and the commitments outlined at paragraph 6.3 above, be noted; and**
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman, to agree any output from the discussion.**

## **7 Health Committee Work Programme (Item 7)**

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the proposals for the Health Committee work programme, as set out in the report, be agreed;**
- (b) That it be agreed that the Committee's meeting on 12 January 2017 be used for a discussion on issues relating to disability and mental health; and**
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman, to agree the scope and terms of reference for the review of issues relating to disability and mental health.**

## **8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)**

8.1 The date of the next meeting of the Committee was confirmed as Thursday, 12 January 2017 at 2.00pm in Committee Room 5, City Hall.

## **9 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 9)**

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

## **10 Close of Meeting**

10.1 The meeting ended at 12 noon.

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Chair

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Date

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