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Meeting: Planning Committee
Date: Wednesday 1 February 2017
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Tony Devenish AM (Chairman)
Nicky Gavron AM (Deputy Chair)
Andrew Boff AM
Tom Copley AM
Navin Shah AM
Sian Berry AM

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

- 1.1 There were no apologies for absence.
- 1.2 The Chairman announced that, in accordance with Standing Order 8.2A, Sian Berry AM was in attendance as a member of the Housing Committee.

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 Planning Committee meeting held on 15 November, 2016 be signed by the Chairman 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 ongoing and completed actions arising from the previous meetings of the Committee, as listed in the report, be noted.

5 Mayor's Response to the Planning Committee's Report on a Land Value Tax for London (Item 5)

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

5.2 Resolved:

That the response from the Mayor to the Committee's report *Tax Trial - A Land Value Tax for London?*, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

6 Mayoral Consultation - First Stages of Reviewing the London Plan (Item 6)

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

6.2 Resolved:

That the Committee's response to the Mayor's consultation on the first stages of reviewing the London Plan be noted.

7 Planning Committee Work Programme 2016/17 (Item 7)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That progress on the Committee's work programme, as set out in the report, be noted;**
- (b) That the remainder of Planning Committee meetings for the 2016/17 Assembly Year be noted; and**
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree the subject of the main agenda item for the Committee's remaining meetings on 14 March 2017 and 20 April 2017.**

8 The Mayor's Draft Affordable Housing and Viability Supplementary Planning Guidance (Item 8)

8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions to guests on the Mayor's draft Affordable Housing and Viability Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG).

8.2 The following guests were in attendance:

- James Murray, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development;
- Jamie Ratcliff, Assistant Director, Programme, Policy and Services, GLA,
- Asif Aziz, Chief Executive, Criterion Capital;
- Katy Walker, Head of Planning, Criterion Capital; and
- Richard Fagg, Deputy Managing Director, Linkcity.

8.3 A transcript of the discussion during the meeting is attached at **Appendix 1**.

8.4 During the course of the discussion, the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development and the Assistant Director, Programme, Policy and Services undertook to provide the following additional information:

- The number of developments that had come forward in London in recent years that offered 35% or more affordable housing without any public subsidy;
- At what stage of the planning application process the viability assessments, and the Mayor's comments on them, would be made public; and
- Clarification of paragraph 69 of the housing funding guidance.

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8.5 During the course of the discussion, the Deputy Managing Director, Linkcity, undertook to provide the Committee with data on bicycle usage of rental tenants.

8.6 At the conclusion of the discussion, the Chairman thanked the guests for their attendance and contributions to the meeting.

8.7 **Resolved:**

(a) That the report and the discussion with invited guests be noted;

(b) That the commitments from guests as outlined above be noted;

(c) That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree a joint response with the London Assembly's Housing Committee to the Mayor's draft Affordable Housing and Viability Supplementary Planning Guidance consultation.

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

9.1 The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 14 March 2017 at 10.00 am in Committee Room 5, City Hall.

10 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 10)

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

11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting closed at 11.57 am.

Chair

Date

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