

# MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time)**

**Date: Thursday 22 June 2017**

**Time: 10.00 am**

**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Chair)

Susan Hall AM

Tony Arbour AM (Deputy Chairman)

David Kurten AM

Gareth Bacon AM

Joanne McCartney AM

Shaun Bailey AM

Steve O'Connell AM

Sian Berry AM

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

Andrew Boff AM

Keith Prince AM

Leonie Cooper AM

Caroline Russell AM

Unmesh Desai AM

Dr Onkar Sahota AM

Tony Devenish AM

Navin Shah AM

Andrew Dismore AM

Fiona Twycross AM

Len Duvall AM

Peter Whittle AM

Nicky Gavron AM

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The Assembly stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect for the victims of the Grenfell Tower fire on 14 June 2017 and the Finsbury Park attack on 19 June 2017.

## **1 Grenfell Tower Fire and Finsbury Park Attack (Item )**

- 1.1 In accordance with section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair considered that this item should be considered as a matter of urgency because the business to which it relates required consideration at the earliest opportunity. In accordance with Standing Order 3.12 the Chair explained that the reason for urgent consideration of the motion was that it related to two major incidents that had occurred in London on which the Assembly had to respond in a timely manner.
- 1.2 The Assembly unanimously agreed to take the Urgent Motion.
- 1.3 At the invitation of the Chair, the Mayor made a statement on the fire at Grenfell Tower in Kensington. He was followed by Assembly Member Devenish who spoke in his capacity as the local constituency member and Assembly Member Twycross in her capacity as Chair of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority. Assembly Members Berry, Whittle and Pidgeon also spoke.
- 1.4 At the invitation of the Chair, the Mayor made a statement about the attack outside the Muslim Welfare Centre in Finsbury Park. Jennette Arnold AM also spoke in her capacity as the local constituency member. Assembly Members Bacon, Russell, Kurten and Pidgeon also spoke.

[During the contribution by Jennette Arnold AM, the Deputy Chair, Tony Arbour AM took the Chair]

- 1.5 A record of the contributions by Members is attached as **Appendix 1** to these minutes.
- 1.6 The Chair moved and the Deputy Chairman seconded the following motion:

“London has experienced a number of major incidents over the past months, at Westminster, Borough Market, Grenfell Tower in Kensington and the Muslim Welfare Centre at Finsbury Park. Apparent throughout these events is that ordinary Londoners have shown bravery and compassion, just as London’s emergency services officers showed professionalism and dedication to duty. This Assembly puts on record its gratitude to all those who helped and cared for injured and affected Londoners.

Over time, lessons can, and must, be learnt from these recent events. This Assembly will work to shed light on what more, if anything, could be done and should have been done to help to keep Londoners safe. But, for now, London stands strong, and always will.”

- 1.7 Upon being put to the vote, the motion in the name of the Chair, Jennette Arnold AM, namely:

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was agreed (unanimously).

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

- 2.1 Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Assembly Member Copley and Assembly Member Eshalomi.
- 2.2 The Chair welcomed Assembly Member Susan Hall to her first meeting of the Assembly.
- 2.3 The Chair announced that this was the last meeting for which Mark Roberts would be the Assembly’s Executive Director of the Secretariat. Mark was unable to be at the meeting but Members wished him well in his retirement and thanked him for all his work for them over the years.
- 2.4 The Chair congratulated Kemi Badenoch on her election as MP for Saffron Walden and acknowledged her resignation as a member of the Assembly.
- 2.5 The Chair congratulated Assembly Member Eshalomi on the birth of her baby.
- 2.6 The Chair offered her congratulations to all those Londoners and Functional Body colleagues who had received Honours in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List.
- 2.7 The Chair welcomed to the public gallery guests from the News Associates School of Journalism, AS level students from Oasis Academy, graduates from the UCL and members of Transport for London’s graduate scheme. She also welcomed the school council from St Christina’s School, St Johns Wood and pupils from South Hampstead School.

## **3 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)**

- 3.1 **Resolved:**

**That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2 and amended by the deletion of Kemi Badenoch and the addition of Susan Hall AM as a Member of LB Harrow and LFEPA, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.**

#### **4 Minutes (Item 3)**

##### **4.1 Resolved:**

**That the minutes from the London Assembly (Annual Meeting) meeting held on 3 May 2017 and the Extraordinary meeting of the London (Plenary) held on 5 June 2017 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

#### **5 Mayor's Report (Item 4)**

5.1 The Assembly noted the Mayor's Report covering the period from 9 March to 8 June 2017.

5.2 In accordance with Standing Order 5.4A, the Mayor gave an oral update on matters occurring since the publication of his report. The record of the oral update is attached at **Appendix 2**.

#### **6 Questions to the Mayor (Item 5)**

6.1 The record of the discussion with the Mayor, including oral answers given by the Mayor to Members' questions, is attached as **Appendix 3**.

6.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting is attached as **Appendix 4**.

6.3 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Assembly agreed the motion set out on the agenda in the name of the Chair, namely:

**"That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked".**

#### **7 Action Taken by the Chair Under Delegated Authority (Item 6)**

##### **Resolved:**

**That the action taken by the Chair under delegated authority be noted, namely to agree, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman and party Group Leaders, the following:**

- **To hold a London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting on 28 June 2017 and to invite the Deputy Mayor for Transport and Transport Commissioner to attend the meeting to discuss the work of Transport for London;**
- **The subject matter and detailed arrangements for the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 6 July 2017 (namely, to invite the Mayor of London and Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis to discuss the work of the Metropolitan Police); and**
- **To hold a meeting of the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) on Thursday 10 August 2017 to replace the meeting cancelled on Thursday 18 May 2017, ensuring that the required number of Mayor's Question Time meetings for the 2017/18 Assembly year is maintained, as required by the GLA Act 1999.**

## **8 Change of date of February 2018 meeting (Item 7)**

**Resolved:**

**That the meeting of the London Assembly (Final Budget/MQT) meeting on Monday 19 February 2018 meeting be rescheduled to Thursday 22 February 2018 at 10am.**

## **9 Future Plenary Meetings (Item 8)**

**Resolved:**

**That the:**

- **7 September 2017 Plenary be used to hold a question and answer session with the Chair and Chief Executive of the Old Oak & Park Royal Development Corporation;**
- **2 November 2017 Plenary meeting be used to hold a question and answer session with the Chair and Chief Executive of the London Legacy Development Corporation;**
- **7 December 2017 Plenary meeting be used for the Mayor and Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis to attend; and**
- **On 8 February 2018 Plenary meeting be used for the Chair of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority and the Fire Commissioner to attend.**

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

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10.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly was the Plenary meeting which was due to take place 10.00am on Thursday 28 June 2017 in the Chamber, City Hall.

## **11 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent: Changes to Membership of Committees (Item 10)**

11.1 The Chair had agreed to add this item to the agenda as a matter of urgency in order not to delay the appointment of the new Assembly Member to the vacant committee places and ensure the new Assembly Member can fully take up her role.

11.2 A report of the Executive Director of Secretariat had been circulated under cover of a supplementary agenda.

11.3 **Resolved:**

**(a) That, further to nominations received from the GLA Conservatives Group, Susan Hall AM be appointed as a member of the Economy Committee, Health Committee and Police and Crime Committee and Shaun Bailey AM be appointed as a member of the Transport Committee for the remainder of the 2017/18 Assembly year;**

**(b) That Susan Hall AM be appointed Deputy Chair of the Economy Committee and Health Committee for the remainder of the 2017/18 Assembly year; and**

**(c) That Susan Hall AM be appointed as a substitute member of all other London Assembly Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels.**

## **12 Close of Meeting**

12.1 The meeting closed at 12.32pm.

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Chair

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Date

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