

MINUTES

Meeting: London Assembly (Plenary)
Date: Thursday 2 November 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)	Nicky Gavron 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
Tom Copley AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Unmesh Desai AM	Navin Shah AM
Tony Devenish AM	Peter Whittle AM
Len Duvall AM	

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Dismore AM, Florence Eshalomi AM, Susan Hall AM and Fiona Twycross AM.
- 1.2 During the course of the meeting the Chair welcomed to the public gallery students from the Edinburgh Primary School in Waltham Forest.
- 1.3 The Chair highlighted some of the Assembly's recent work, including the publication of the Assembly's second "Brexit Directive" and the Assembly campaign to encourage Members of Parliament to support the concept of a Register for Domestic Abusers.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 3.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

3.2 Resolved:

- (i) That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Item 3, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests; and**
- (ii) That the following additional declarations be noted as non-pecuniary interests:**
 - **Unmesh Desai AM – Trustee of the West Ham United Association;**
 - **Keith Prince AM – West Ham supporter;**
 - **Len Duvall AM – West Ham season ticket holder;**
 - **Andrew Boff AM – receipt of hospitality from Vault Face of a value of approximately £50, details of which would be added to the gifts and hospitality register in due course; and**
 - **Tom Copley AM – receipt of hospitality from Pocket Living, details of which would be added to the gifts and hospitality register in due course.**

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the 12 October 2017 (Mayor's Question Time) meeting be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Question and Answer Session: London Legacy Development Corporation (Item 4)

Part A:

- 4.1 The Assembly put question Sir Peter Hendy CBE, Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) and David Goldstone CBE, Chief Executive, LLDC.
- 4.2 The transcript of opening statements from the invited guests is attached as **Appendix 1**. The record of the questions put by Assembly Members and the answers given is attached as **Appendix 2**, and the written answers provided following the meeting are attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 4.3 During the course of the question and answer session the LLDC Chair and Chief Executive undertook to:
- Confirm which contracts the LLDC's 2016-17 accounts were referring to when it stated that two of E20 Stadium LLP's three core contracts were now "onerous";
 - Confirm the per annum target/phasing of affordable homes in the Olympic Park; and
 - Confirm the provision of nurseries on the Park.
- 4.4 At the close of the question and answer session, the Chair noted that this was David Goldstone CBE's last appearance before the Assembly in his role as Chief Executive of the LLDC. She thanked him for his courtesy and professionalism in engaging with the Assembly during his tenure and wished him well for the future.

Part B:

- 4.5 The Chair formally moved the motion set out on the agenda in her name, namely:
- "That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked."

4.6 **Resolved:**

The answers to the questions asked be noted.

5 Petitions (Item 5)

- 5.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

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5.2 Steve O'Connell AM presented a petition, on behalf of Tony Devenish AM, with the following prayer:

"I strongly object to Belgravia Police station public office desk being closed as part of the funding cut backs that the Metropolitan Police are being forced to make through government policy.

Whilst appreciating that much can be done online to report crime there is no substitute for having a police force both visible and approachable in the local community.

For these reasons I am adding my name and providing my particulars to ask that the Mayor and the Commissioner of Police rethink this strategy for Belgravia Police station.

Belgravia Police station building will remain as an administrative hub for the Met and therefore I would recommend the following mode of operation take effect.

Rather than keep a trained a valuable police officer on duty on the basis that a member of the public may or may not come in for support, then instead access to the front desk be granted via a front door bell for anyone seeking assistance. Any of the given police personnel inside could simply attend as and when required, freeing up a dedicated trained officer. This would in itself save the salary of a dedicated police officer to attend to live matters, but at the same time offer that security that is expected via the local resident and business base in Belgravia."

5.3 **Resolved:**

That the petition be forwarded to the Mayor of London for a response.

5.4 Sian Berry AM presented a petition with the following prayer:

"We the undersigned urge the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, not to close Streatham's police base and to keep Streatham's police teams based in Streatham."

5.5 **Resolved:**

That the petition be forwarded to the Mayor of London for a response.

6 Petitions Update (Item 6)

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

6.2 Resolved:

That the responses received to petitions presented at recent Assembly (Plenary) meetings, as set out in the report, be noted.

7 Motions (Item 7)

7.1 Jennette Arnold OBE AM moved and Unmesh Desai AM seconded the following motion:

“This Assembly notes with concern that modern day slavery persists in London. Modern day slavery is a crime that is both hidden and in plain sight. It can happen behind closed doors in private homes, in car washes, nail bars or in the supply chains of the goods and services we buy and use. While the details of this crime are diverse and complex; one common feature remains; the devastating impact on its victims.

“We commend the work of the Mayor, Metropolitan Police Service, Government, the charity sector and the media to help combat Modern Day Slavery and support victims of this barbaric crime. We welcome the Mayor’s pledge for a modern-day slavery ambassador for every London borough and urge him to ensure that this is pursued without exception.

“Alongside this, we call on the Mayor to ensure that tackling Modern Day Slavery is a priority for his work with London’s business community through the Good Work Standard.”

7.2 Upon being put to the vote, the motion in the name of Jennette Arnold OBE AM was unanimously agreed.

7.3 The Deputy Chair assumed the Chair for the duration of the debate and voting on this motion. During the course of the debate, the Deputy Chair in the Chair proposed and it was agreed, to extend the meeting in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 2.9, in order to complete the business on the agenda for the meeting,

7.4 Andrew Boff AM moved and Keith Prince AM seconded the following motion:

“This Assembly notes that this year marks the centenary of the Balfour Declaration, which established a Jewish homeland in Israel.

“The Assembly further notes that Transport for London has recently refused permission to display posters from a politically-motivated advertising campaign which attacks this milestone.

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“The Assembly welcomes the actions of Transport for London in this matter and wishes to convey its thanks to the Commissioner.”

- 7.5 Dr Onkar Sahota AM moved and Unmesh Desai AM seconded the following amendment to the motion:

To delete the text shown in strikethrough and add the text shown in bold:

“This Assembly notes that this year marks the centenary of the Balfour Declaration which established a Jewish homeland in Israel ~~set out the British Government’s public support for the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people.~~

“The Balfour Declaration states:

“His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.”

“The Assembly further notes that Transport for London has recently refused permission to display posters from a politically-motivated advertising campaign which attacks this milestone on the grounds that it contains “images or messages which relate to matters of public controversy or sensitivity.

“This Assembly believes that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is too complex to be represented in a poster. A two-state solution is needed to recognise the rights of all those who live in the region and that will require on-going sensitive negotiation.

The Assembly welcomes the actions of Transport for London in this matter and wishes to convey its thanks to the Commissioner.”

- 7.6 In accordance with Standing Order 3.6, Andrew Boff AM, as mover of the motion, accepted the amendment. Following debate and upon being put to the vote, the motion as altered, namely:

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national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

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"This Assembly believes that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is too complex to be represented in a poster. A two-state solution is needed to recognise the rights of all those who live in the region and that will require on-going sensitive negotiation.

"The Assembly welcomes the actions of Transport for London in this matter and wishes to convey its thanks to the Commissioner."

was agreed (18 votes in favour and no votes against).

7.7 Caroline Russell AM moved and Sian Berry AM seconded the following motion:

"This Assembly regrets that 2378 people were killed and seriously injured on Greater London's streets in 2016 according to recently-released data.

"This Assembly notes that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has endorsed a 20mph speed limit as best practice where motorised traffic mixes with pedestrians and cyclists and that, where traffic speeds are reduced to a maximum of 20mph, road casualties fall by more than two-fifths.

"This Assembly welcomes the Mayor's commitment in his draft transport strategy to introduce lower speed limits and Transport for London's trials of 20 mph zones on parts of its road network.

"This Assembly urges the Mayor to advocate for TfL's successful trial zones to be made permanent and to seek to extend the coverage of 20 mph to all roads under his control where there is a pavement and people walk.

"Furthermore, we ask the Mayor to deliver on the commitment he has made to adopt a Vision Zero approach to road danger reduction."

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- 7.8 Tom Copley AM moved and Leonie Cooper AM seconded the following amendment to the motion:

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“This Assembly notes that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has endorsed a 20mph speed limit as best practice where motorised traffic mixes with pedestrians and cyclists and that, where traffic speeds are reduced to a maximum of 20mph, road casualties fall by more than two-fifths.

“This Assembly welcomes the Mayor’s commitment in his draft transport strategy to introduce lower speed limits and Transport for London’s trials of 20 mph zones on parts of its road network.

“This Assembly urges the Mayor to advocate for TfL’s successful trial zones to be made permanent and to seek to extend the coverage of 20 mph **on TfL** ~~to all roads under his control where there is a pavement and people walk~~ roads where appropriate. “Furthermore, we ask the Mayor to deliver on the commitment he has made to adopt a Vision Zero approach to road danger reduction.”

- 7.9 Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Tom Copley AM was lost (9 votes cast in favour and 10 votes cast against).
- 7.10 Upon being put to the vote, the motion in the name of Caroline Russell AM was lost (three votes cast in favour and 7 votes cast against).

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

- 8.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly was the Mayor’s Question Time meeting which would take place at 10.00am on Thursday 16 November 2017 in the Chamber, City Hall.

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

- 9.1 There were no items of urgent business.

10 Close of Meeting

- 10.1 The meeting closed at 1.20pm.

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