

MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**
Date: Thursday 16 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)	Susan Hall AM
Gareth Bacon AM	David Kurten AM
Shaun Bailey AM	Joanne McCartney AM
Sian Berry AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Andrew Boff AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Leonie Cooper AM	Keith Prince AM
Tom Copley AM	Caroline Russell AM
Unmesh Desai AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Tony Devenish AM	Navin Shah AM
Andrew Dismore 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 Florence Eshalomi AM and Fiona Twycross AM.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed to the public gallery students from City University, London Metropolitan University, News Associates School of Journalism and Lambeth College, together with a group of civil servants visiting from Hong Kong and a group of Mayors visiting from Albania.
- 1.3 The Chair highlighted some of the Assembly's recent work, including: the Budget and Performance Committee's report 'Who's Paying the Bill?'; the Health Committee's recent letter to the Mayor regarding his Health Inequalities Strategy; and the Mayor's letter to the Chair of the Environment Committee explaining how he plans to tackle the growing problem of plastic water bottles.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 **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 Mayor's Report (Item 3)

- 3.1 **Resolved:**

That the Mayor's Report covering the period from 29 September to 2 November 2017 be noted.

[Note: In accordance with Standing Order 12, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10.02am due to members of the public in the gallery disrupting the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 10.11am.]

- 3.2 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 1**.

4 Questions to the Mayor (Item 4)

- 4.1 The record of the discussion with the Mayor, including oral answers given by the Mayor to Members' questions, is attached as **Appendix 2**.

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- 4.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 4.3 During the course of the question and answer session the Chair proposed, and it was agreed, that Standing Order 2.9B be suspended to extend the meeting in order to allow the remaining questions on the priority order paper to be put to the Mayor and for the remaining items of business on the agenda to be considered.
- 4.4 The Deputy Chairman assumed the Chair for the duration of question 2017/4430.
- 4.5 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”.

5 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 6)

- 5.1 In accordance with Section 100B of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair admitted an item of urgent business to the agenda, namely to agree changes to the Assembly's schedule of meetings.
- 5.2 Issues affecting the scheduling of the December London Assembly Plenary and Mayor's Question Time meetings had arisen since the agenda for the meeting had been published and this was the Assembly's last opportunity to agree the changes before the meetings themselves.
- 5.3 **Resolved:**
- (a) That it be agreed to reschedule the 7 December 2017 London Assembly (Plenary) meeting to 11am on 21 December 2017 and agree to use that meeting principally to hold a question and answer session with the Mayor on policing in London;**
 - (b) That it be agreed to reschedule the start time of the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting on 14 December 2017 to 2pm and to reschedule the start time of the GLA Oversight Committee meeting on 14 December 2017 to 10am.**
- 5.4 In response to a query raised by Andrew Boff AM, the Chair undertook to seek a commitment from the Mayor regarding attendance at Assembly meetings (where required) in relation to the presentation of final draft strategy documents.

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6 Date of Next Meeting (Item 5)

- 6.1 The next meeting of the Assembly would be the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting now scheduled to take place at 2pm on 14 December 2017.

7 Close of Meeting

- 7.1 The meeting closed at 1.02pm.

Chair

Date

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