

MINUTES

Meeting: London Assembly (Plenary)
Date: Thursday 25 January 2018
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	Fiona Twycross AM
Len Duvall AM	Peter Whittle AM
Florence Eshalomi AM	

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

- 1.1 There were no apologies for absence.
- 1.2 During the course of the meeting, the Chair welcomed students from Clifton Primary School, Ealing.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Assembly 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 Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Draft Consolidated Budget 2018-19 (Item 3)

- 3.1 The Assembly received an oral statement from the Mayor on his draft 2018-2019 Draft Consolidated Budget document.
- 3.2 A copy of the Mayor's statement is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Report of the Mayor (Item 3a)

Response by the London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee to the Mayor of London's GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2018-19 Consultation Document (Item 3b)

- 3.3 The Chairman of the London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee, Gareth Bacon AM, presented the Committee's response to the Mayor of London's GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2018-19 Consultation Document.
- 3.4 A copy of the statement by the Chair of the London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 3.5 **Resolved:**

That the response by the London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee to the Mayor of London's GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2018-2019 Consultation Document be noted.

Questions to the Mayor on his draft 2018-19 Consolidated Budget proposals (Item 3c)

- 3.6 Assembly Members put questions to the Mayor on each of the seven component budgets set out within the Draft Consolidated Budget proposals.
- 3.7 David Bellamy, Chief of Staff and David Gallie, Assistant Director of Finance, were also in attendance for the duration of the question and answer session.
- 3.8 The record of the questions put by Members, together with the Mayor's answers, is attached at **Appendix 3**.

4 Consideration by the London Assembly of the Mayor of London's Draft Consolidated Budget proposals 2018-2019 (Item 4)

- 4.1 At 12.17pm, the Chair adjourned the meeting until 1.30pm. The meeting reconvened at 1.30pm in order to consider and debate the budget proposals.
- 4.2 The substantive motion before the Assembly was: "To approve the Draft Consolidated Budget of 2018-19, together with the draft component budgets comprised within it, with or without amendment."
- 4.3 A formal budget amendment was moved by Gareth Bacon AM and seconded by Shaun Bailey AM (and is attached at **Appendix 4**).
- 4.4 A formal budget amendment was moved by Sian Berry AM and seconded by Caroline Russell AM (and is attached at **Appendix 5**).
- 4.5 The Assembly then turned to debate of the Mayor's Draft Consolidated Budget 2018-19 and the two formal budget amendments.
- 4.6 Following debate and being put to the vote:

The formal budget amendment proposed by Gareth Bacon AM was declared lost (with 8 votes being cast in favour and 15 votes being cast against).

The formal budget amendment proposed by Sian Berry AM was declared lost (with two votes being cast in favour and 22 votes being cast against).

The Chair then moved the substantive motion, namely: That the Assembly approves the Draft Consolidated Budget for 2018-19, together with the draft component budgets comprised within it without amendment. Upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion was declared lost (with 11 votes being cast in favour and 13 votes being cast against).

- 4.7 The Chair explained that, as no amendments to the Budget had been agreed by a majority, in accordance with Paragraph 8(5) of Schedule 6 to the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) the Assembly was deemed to have approved, without amendment, the Draft Consolidated Budget for 2018-19.

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4.8 The Chair explained that this concluded the Assembly's consideration of the Draft Consolidated Budget for 2018-19.

5 Date of Next Meeting (Item 5)

5.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting which would take place on Thursday 8 February 2018 in the Chamber, City Hall principally to put questions to the Chair of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority and the Commissioner of the London Fire Brigade.

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

6.1 There were no items of urgent business.

7 Close of Meeting

7.1 The meeting closed at 2.45pm.

Chair

Date

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