

MINUTES

Meeting: GLA Oversight Committee
Date: Wednesday 31 January 2018
Time: 10.00 am
Place: The Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Len Duvall AM (Chair)
Gareth Bacon AM (Deputy Chairman)
Sian Berry AM
Andrew Boff AM
Tom Copley AM
Navin Shah AM
Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Keith Prince AM
Peter Whittle AM
Shaun Bailey AM (in attendance for Item 5)

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Steve O'Connell AM for whom Andrew Boff AM was attending as a substitute.
- 1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 8.2, Shaun Bailey AM attended the meeting and participated in the question and answer session at Item 5, with the permission of the Chair.

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 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee held on 14 December 2017 be signed by the Chair 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:

(a) That the Chair would write to the Mayor of London regarding the Chair's support for the Mayor's suggestion that there be public debate regarding the use of personal data by the GLA Group and how this might best be achieved; and

(b) That the completed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the GLA Oversight Committee be noted.

5 The Charitable Response to the Grenfell Fire, Terror Attacks and other events in London (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat and put questions to the following guests on the Charitable response to the Grenfell fire, terror attacks and other events in London:

- David Farnsworth, Director, City Bridge Trust;
- Sarah Atkinson, Director of Policy, Planning and Communications, Charity Commission;
- Mark Simms, Chief Executive, Rugby Portobello Trust;
- Susan Dolton, Director, Kensington and Chelsea Foundation;
- Gerald Oppenheim, Chair, London Emergencies Trust;

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- Rob Bell, Director, London Emergencies Trust;
- Zoe Abrams, Executive Director for Communications and Engagement, British Red Cross;
- Manny Hothi, Director of Programmes and Strategic Partnerships, London Community Foundation; and
- Emma Strain, Assistant Director, External Affairs, GLA.

5.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix 1**.

5.3 During the course of the question and answer session the Committee requested that:

- The Director, Kensington and Chelsea Foundation, provide a profile of donations to victims of the Grenfell Tower fire over time;
- The Executive Director for Communications and Engagement, British Red Cross, provide details of when the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea asked the Red Cross to become involved in the relief effort. She also undertook to provide details regarding how quickly donations came in to the Red Cross for people affected by the fire and when they started to taper off;
- The Director, City Bridge Trust, provide the date when the funds were made available to those organisations working on the ground who responded to the immediate emergency in addition to their other duties. The Director would provide details of conversations with London Funders and the Department of Communities and Local Government, through Gold Command, regarding the provision of funding for these organisations and other collaborative funding for the wider community affected by the fire. Lastly the Director undertook to provide a list of different foundations that worked on the ground in the aftermath of the fire; and
- The Assistant Director, External Affairs, GLA, provide data regarding when the button directing the public to the Red Cross fundraising site through london.gov.uk was first established and how many clicks the button had received.

5.4 In concluding the discussion, the Chair:

- Thanked the guests for their participation in the session, and recognised the work they and their organisations had done in the aftermath of the Grenfell Tower fire in difficult and complex circumstances; and
- Confirmed that the Committee would review the transcript of the session and then determine what other issues it would want to explore further, as necessary.

5.5 **Resolved:**

That the report and the discussion with the invited guests be noted, subject to the additional information requested, as set out in paragraph 5.3.

6 Summons of The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP (Item 6)

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

6.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the GLA Oversight Committee meeting scheduled to take place at 2pm on 22 February 2018 would be rescheduled to 2pm on 1 March 2018;**
- (b) That the summons notice authorised on 14 December 2017 and issued to The Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson MP, requiring his attendance, as former Mayor of London, at the meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee at 2pm on 22 February 2018, under the provisions of Section 61(1), 61(5)(c) and Section 62 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended) be rescinded; and**
- (c) That, under the provisions of Section 61(1), 61(5)(c) and Section 62 of the Greater London Authority Act (as amended), the Committee require the attendance of The Rt. Hon Boris Johnson MP, as former Mayor of London, at the meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee meeting on 1 March 2018 at 2pm, for which notice will be given in accordance with Section 62 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended) in due course, to answer questions in relation to the Garden Bridge project.**

7 Proposed changes to the GLA Establishment Health Unit (Item 7)

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Head of Paid Service.

7.2 **Resolved:**

That the Committee confirms its agreement to the Head of Paid Service's proposals set out in the report in relation to changes in the establishment in the Greater London Authority (GLA) Health Unit.

8 Work Programme for the GLA Oversight Committee (Item 8)

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

That the work programme for the remainder of 2017-18 be noted.

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

9.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to be held on 1 March 2018 at 2.00pm in the Chamber.

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

10.1 There were no items of urgent business.

11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting ended at 1.00pm.

Chair

Date

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