

MINUTES

Meeting: Housing Committee
Date: Thursday 15 March 2018
Time: 2.00 pm
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Sian Berry (Chair)
Andrew Boff AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour AM
Tom Copley AM
Leonie Cooper AM
David Kurten AM
Nicky Gavron AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Tony Devenish AM, for whom Tony Arbour AM substituted.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

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

3 Summary List of Actions (Item 3)

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

3.2 **Resolved:**

That the outstanding actions arising from a previous meeting of the Committee be noted.

4 Overcrowding in London Homes (Item 4)

4.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on overcrowding in London to the following invited guests:

- John Lumley, Director of Regeneration, London Borough of Hackney;
- Amanda Amafor, Senior Environmental Health Officer, London Borough of Newham;
- David Beach, Head of Selective Licensing and Regulation;
- Ijay Onyechi, Head of Lettings, Residents Services, Peabody; and
- James Gleeson, Senior Policy Officer, Housing and Land, Greater London Authority (GLA)

4.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.

4.3 During the course of the discussion, Members requested the following additional information:

- The Senior Policy Officer, GLA, to provide clarification on how babies are taken account of when using the bedroom standard to look at overcrowding; and
- The Senior Environmental Health Officer, London Borough of Newham to:
 - a) Clarify how overcrowding is measured and presented in Newham's housing stock; and
 - b) Provide the outcomes from the appeals going through the Residential Property Tribunal.

4.4 **Resolved:**

(a) That the report and discussion be noted.

(b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output from the discussion.

5 Housing Committee Work Programme (Item 5)

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

5.2 **Resolved:**

That the progress on its work programme, as set out in the report, be noted.

6 Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)

6.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Thursday, 24 May 2018 at 2.00pm in the Chamber, subject to the confirmation of the London Assembly's calendar of meetings at the Annual Meeting on 10 May 2018.

7 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 7)

7.1 There were no items of business that the Chair considered to be urgent.

8 Close of Meeting

8.1 The meeting ended at 3.32pm.

Chair

Date

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