

MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**
Date: Friday 19 October 2018
Time: 10.00 am
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

Tony Arbour AM (Chairman)	Susan Hall AM
Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Deputy Chair)	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
Len Duvall AM	Fiona Twycross AM
Florence Eshalomi AM	Peter Whittle AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Tony Devenish AM, Andrew Dismore AM, and Nicky Gavron AM.
- 1.2 The Chairman welcomed to the public gallery journalism students from City of London University; MA multimedia journalism students from the University of Westminster; students from the University of California; and visiting students with LSE IDEAS International Relations.
- 1.3 The Chairman then gave an update on recent Assembly activity.
- 1.4 Notice had been received that Caroline Russell AM was now leader of the City Hall Greens.
- 1.5 The Chairman noted that the Health Committee had commissioned a survey which had discovered that younger Londoners over-relied on ambulances because they could not access other services. A survey had also been carried out about Londoner's attitudes to advertising on the Transport for London network.
- 1.6 The Assembly's Annual Report had been published detailing all the work that had been carried out over the past 12 months to hold the Mayor to account on behalf of Londoners.
- 1.7 The Chairman highlighted a letter from the Transport Committee which had raised some very serious questions about the delays to Crossrail.
- 1.8 The Chairman noted recent work by the Assembly regarding the financial embarrassment surrounding the London Stadium, as well as the issue of plastic infecting London's parks and rivers, calling on the Mayor to sign up to the Plastics Pact.
- 1.9 The Assembly had cross-examined Housing Associations and asked whether they were still fit for purpose.
- 1.10 The Chairman highlighted work regarding resourcing arrangements for the Mayor's Violent Crime Taskforce with the Metropolitan Police Service and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.
- 1.11 The Assembly had also held meetings on the future of the taxi and private hire industry, expansion of Heathrow, building more housing in Outer London and the London Fire Brigade.

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 from the London Assembly (Plenary) meetings held on 3 September 2018 and 6 September 2018, and the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting held on 13 September 2018, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 Mayor's Report (Item 4)

4.1 The Assembly noted the Mayor's Report covering the period from 31 August to 4 October 2018.

4.2 The Chairman made a statement on the forthcoming GLA elections. He noted that the Mayor and Assembly Member Bailey were candidates in the mayoral election. These campaigns would be run from outside of City Hall, and there were rules in place regarding the use of GLA resources for party political reasons. The Chairman highlighted the ongoing role of the Mayor and Assembly Member Bailey to continue to discharge the duties that came with their respective offices. The Chairman requested that any concerns regarding the elections be raised with him informally and stressed the importance of making effective use of Assembly meetings.

4.3 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**.

5 Questions to the Mayor (Item 5)

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

5.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting is attached as **Appendix 3**.

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- 5.3 During the course of the question and answer session the Chairman 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.
- 5.4 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Assembly agreed the motion set out on the agenda in the name of the Chairman, namely:

“That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked”.

6 Future Meetings of the Assembly (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

- (a) That the 1 November 2018 London Assembly (Plenary) meeting be used to hold a question and answer session with the Mayor of London and the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Cressida Dick CBE QPM, regarding policing issues in London; and**
- (b) That an additional London Assembly (Plenary) meeting be held on Thursday 29 November 2018 at 2.00pm in the Chamber, principally to hold a question and answer session with the Mayor of London regarding the draft Economic Development Strategy for London and formally to consider that Strategy.**

7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)

- 7.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly was the Plenary meeting at 10am on Thursday 1 November 2018 in the Chamber, City Hall.

8 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 8)

- 8.1 In accordance with Section 1.10 of the Assembly's Standing Orders and Section 100B(4) of the LGA Act 1972 (as amended), the Chairman had agreed to admit to the agenda the report entitled 'Changes to Membership of the Regeneration Committee' as an urgent item in order to allow consideration at the earliest possible opportunity, noting that the report had not been available at the time the agenda had been printed. The report had been circulated under cover of a supplementary agenda.

8.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That, further to nominations received from the GLA Conservatives Group, Tony Arbour AM be appointed as a member of the Regeneration Committee, to replace Shaun Bailey AM, and that Shaun Bailey AM be appointed as a substitute member of the Regeneration Committee to replace Tony Arbour AM, for the remainder of the 2018/19 Assembly year; and
- (b) That Tony Devenish AM be appointed as Chairman of the Regeneration Committee for the remainder of the 2018/19 Assembly year.

9 Close of Meeting

9.1 The meeting ended at 12.48pm.

Chairman

Date

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