

MINUTES

**Meeting: Budget and Performance
Committee**

Date: Wednesday 21 November 2018

Time: 10.00 am

**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

Gareth Bacon AM (Chairman)
Len Duvall AM (Deputy Chair)
Sian Berry AM
Leonie Cooper AM
Unmesh Desai AM
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Susan Hall AM

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

1.1 There were no apologies for absence.

1.2 During the meeting, the Chairman welcomed pupils and staff from Riverhouse Montessori Manor School, Tower Hamlets, to the public gallery.

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 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2018 be signed by the Chairman 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:**

That the completed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee, and additional correspondence, be noted.

5 Draft GLA Budget 2019-20 (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Chief Officer and Executive Director of Resources as background to putting questions on the draft GLA Budget for 2019/20 to the following invited guests:

- David Bellamy, Chief of Staff;
- Mary Harpley, Chief Officer;
- Martin Clarke, Executive Director of Resources;
- Lucy Owen, Interim Executive Director of Development, Enterprise and Environment;
- Sarah Mulley, Interim Executive Director of Communities and Intelligence;
- Emma Strain, Interim Executive Director of Communities and Intelligence; and
- David Lunts, Executive Director of Housing and Land.

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

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- 5.3 During the course of the discussion, the Chief of Staff undertook to:
- Provide details of, and evidence for, the Mayor's claim that the initial investment in the strategic investment fund would leverage in over four times as much investment from other sources;
 - Further detail on the decision-making process behind proposals in the budget for one-off spends, and how this could be better reflected in the budget; and
 - Provide a breakdown of any costs from hosting Major League Baseball (MLB) at London Stadium, including how much the MLB pays for using the Stadium, whether any seat movement are required and if so who would cover the cost.
- 5.4 The Chief Officer agreed to provide detailed information concerning the Corporate Management Team's transformation plans particularly with regards to HR and IT.
- 5.5 The Executive Director of Resources undertook to provide:
- A detailed breakdown of the reasons for overbudgeting in the Communities and Intelligence Directorate programme budget;
 - A breakdown of the successful bids for funding from the £52 million business rates retention pilots that would be jointly allocated by agreement between the Mayor and London boroughs to fund strategic investment, and details of the ratio of leverage that had been secured; and
 - The reserve allocated for business rates appeals;
- 5.6 During the course of the discussion, the Interim Executive Director of Development, Enterprise and Environment undertook to provide:
- Details of the split between capital and revenue funding of the £2 million allocated for water fountains;
 - An update on progress to deliver the mitigation measures following the audits of air quality in nurseries and schools;
 - Further to the request in the pre-budget letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for £100 million for new waste collection infrastructure, a breakdown of how that figure had been derived and what the monies were expected to be used for;
 - London & Partner's key performance indicators in its business plan for the forthcoming year and how much of its budget would be spent trying to increase tourism in London;
 - Details of why the budgets for regeneration and economic development were reducing in 2019/20; and
 - Details on any budget allocations for retraining adults; and
 - An update on the review into the zero-emissions taxi targets.

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- 5.7 The Executive Director of Housing and Land agreed to:
- Share the findings from the review of Housing Zones with Assembly Members;
 - Provide a breakdown of where existing funding and new funding for community-led housing sat in the budget; and
 - Provide details of any restrictions that there would be placed on the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Land Fund.

5.8 During the course of the discussion, the Interim Executive Directors of Communities and Intelligence undertook to provide details of the key performance indicator for social integration outcomes arising from the GLA's sports programmes, including when they would come into effect.

5.9 At the end of the discussion, the Chairman thanked the guests for their attendance.

5.10 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

6 Budget and Performance Committee Work Programme (Item 6)

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

6.2 **Resolved:**

That the work programme for the remainder of the 2018/19 Assembly year be agreed.

7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)

7.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, 11 December 2018 at 10.00am in the Chamber, City Hall.

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

8.1 There were no other urgent items of business.

9 Close of Meeting

9.1 The meeting ended at 12.47pm.

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Chairman

Date

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