

MINUTES

Meeting: Environment Committee
Date: Wednesday 16 January 2019
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Caroline Russell AM (Chair)
Leonie Cooper AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour AM
Jennette Arnold OBE AM
Shaun Bailey AM
Tom Copley AM
David Kurten AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Dr Onkar Sahota AM, for whom Tom Copley 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 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2018 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:

That the completed and outstanding actions arising from its previous meetings of the Committee be noted.

5 Action Taken under Delegated Authority (Item 5)

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

5.2 Resolved:

That the recent action taken by the Chair under delegated authority, namely to agree, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, the Committee's report, *Farming in London's Green Belt*, and the report, be noted.

6 Air Pollution in London (Item 6)

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

- Elliot Treharne, Head of Air Quality, Greater London Authority (GLA);
- Stephen Inch, Senior Policy and Programme Officer (Air Quality), GLA; and
- Professor Martin Williams, Air Quality Research, King's College London.

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

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6.3 During the course of the discussion, Members requested the following additional information from Elliot Treharne, Head of Air Quality, GLA:

- The number of schools which have applied for the School Air Quality Audit and the number of successful applications the Mayor's campaign for green infrastructure at schools have received;
- How the occupational exposure limits for tube dust set by the Health and Safety Executive and Institute of Occupational Medicine relate to ambient air limits in UK law and the WHO guidelines and the Mayor's targets; and
- An explanation of issues around schools air quality measures depending on the use of GLA Group land, including details relating to St Stephen's Church of England Primary School, Twickenham.

6.4 During the course of the discussion Stephen Inch, Senior Policy and Programme Officer (Air Quality), GLA, undertook to provide an update on the progress of the Fuel Poverty Action Plan and the Solar Action Plan, including how they work together to reduce non-road emissions, also details of the planned tightening of the low emission zone for non-road mobile machinery to 2040.

6.5 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and subsequent discussion be noted; and**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the discussion.**

7 Environment Committee Work Programme (Item 7)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the Committee gives further consideration as to how it will take forward the Assembly's opposition to the expansion of Heathrow airport;**
- (b) That the previously arranged work programme for the 2018/19 Assembly year be noted; and**
- (c) That the summary note of Committee's visit to Peabody Thamesmead, attached as Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.**

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

- 8.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Thursday, 28 February 2019 at 10.00am in the Chamber, City Hall.

9 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 9)

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

10 Close of Meeting

- 10.1 The meeting ended at 12.15pm.

Chair

Date

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