

MINUTES

Meeting: Regeneration Committee
Date: Wednesday 8 May 2019
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Tony Devenish AM (Chairman)
Navin Shah AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour AM
Andrew Dismore AM
Joanne McCartney AM

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

- 1.1 There were no apologies for absence.
- 1.2 During the discussion at Agenda Item 8 (Digital Connectivity and London as a Smart City), the Chairman welcomed journalism students from London South Bank University, who observed the meeting from the public gallery.

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.

- 2.2 During the discussion on Agenda Item 8 (Digital Connectivity and a Smart London), Tony Devenish AM (Chair), for the purposes of transparency, declared a non-pecuniary interest, as he knew Councillor Jonathan Glanz because they were both Councillors at Westminster City Council.

3 Membership of Committee (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

That the following membership and chairing arrangements for the Committee, as set out on the supplementary agenda, and which were agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 2 May 2019, be noted:

**Tony Devenish AM (Chairman)
Navin Shah AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour AM
Andrew Dismore AM
Joanne McCartney AM**

4 Terms of Reference (Item 4)

4.1 **Resolved:**

That the following terms of reference for the Committee, which were agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 2 May 2019, be noted:

- 1. To examine and report from time to time on -
 - matters of importance to Greater London; and
 - the strategies, policies and actions of the Mayor and Functional Bodies as they impact on the regeneration of Greater London.**
- 2. To provide lead oversight for the London Assembly of the policies, decisions and actions of any Mayoral Development Corporation.**
- 3. To scrutinise functions relating to culture-led regeneration.**
- 4. To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference.**
- 5. To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable**

development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity.

5 Standing Delegation (Item 5)

5.1 Resolved:

That the following standing delegation to the Chairman of the Committee be noted:

The London Assembly, at its Annual Meeting on 1 May 2013, agreed to delegate to Chairs of all ordinary committees and sub-committees a general authority to respond on the relevant committee or sub-committee's behalf, following consultation with the lead Members of the party Groups on the committee or subcommittee, where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a committee meeting.

6 Minutes (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Regeneration Committee meeting held on 6 March 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7 Summary List of Actions (Item 7)

7.1 Resolved:

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

8 Digital Connectivity and London as a Smart City (Item 8)

8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to a discussion with the invited guests on digital connectivity and London as a smart city.

8.2 The Chairman welcomed the following invited guests to the meeting:

- Theo Blackwell, Chief Digital Officer, Greater London Authority (GLA);
- Sara Kelly, Principal Policy Officer for Digital Connectivity, GLA;

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- Shashi Verma, Chief Technology Officer & Director of Customer Experience, Transport for London; and
- Councillor Jonathan Glanz, Gig Economy and Broadband Champion, Westminster City Council.

8.3 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**. The maps referred to during the discussion showing full fibre broadband coverage, ultra-fast broadband coverage and super-fast broadband coverage are attached at **Appendix 2**.

8.4 During the discussion the Chief Digital Officer, GLA, undertook to:

- Provide a snapshot of each London boroughs' progress on developing a digital strategy;
- Discuss with the GLA London Plan Team the possibility of having a requirement for the design and access statement in respect of planning applications to provide detailed proposals on digital connectivity;
- Respond regarding the current position on the following recommendation from the Committee's report, *Digital Connectivity in London*, "The next London Plan should encourage boroughs to produce local connectivity plans to ensure sufficient access to a minimum level of broadband service. Applications for new developments should provide upgrades to connectivity to meet what is outlined in local plans".
- To provide examples of the activities other cities are doing which the Chief Digital Officer would like to do in the future in London.

8.5 At the end of the discussion, the Chairman thanked the guests for their attendance and helpful contributions to the meeting.

8.6 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the areas for consideration as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report be agreed and the report and discussion with invited guests be noted.**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree any output from the Committee's meeting on the review of the work on Digital Connectivity and London as a smart city and any additional activity to support the Committee's scrutiny investigation.**

9 Regeneration Committee Work Programme (Item 9)

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

9.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the remainder of the Committee's dates in the 2019/20 Assembly year, which were approved at the Annual Meeting of the Assembly on 2 May 2019, as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report, be noted.**
- (b) That it be noted that the topic for the Committee's meeting on 26 June 2019 will be a scrutiny review of the Greater London Authority (GLA) Culture Team and place-based projects, as agreed at the meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee on 8 April 2019.**
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree the scope and terms of reference for the Committee's scrutiny review of the GLA Culture Team and place-based projects.**

10 Date of Next Meeting (Item 10)

10.1 The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 26 June 2019 at 2pm in the Chamber, City Hall.

11 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 11)

11.1 There was no other business the Chairman considered urgent.

12 Close of Meeting

12.1 The meeting ended at 11.34am.

Chairman

Date

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