

MINUTES

Meeting: Environment Committee
Date: Wednesday 22 May 2019
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Committee Room 2, 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
Shaun Bailey AM
David Kurten AM
Navin Shah AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Jenette Arnold OBE AM, for whom Navin Shah AM substituted, and Nicky Gavron AM.
- 1.2 The Chair and the Deputy Chair on behalf of the Committee thanked the Scrutiny Manager, Ian Williams, for his work on the Environment Committee and wished him luck for the future.

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 Membership of the Committee (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the membership and chairing arrangements for the Committee, agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 2 May 2019, as listed below, be noted:

**Caroline Russell AM (Chair)
Léonie Cooper AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour AM
Jennette Arnold OBE AM
Shaun Bailey AM
Nicky Gavron AM
David Kurten AM**

4 Terms of Reference (Item 4)

4.1 Resolved:

That the terms of reference for the Committee, as set out in Agenda Item 4, be noted.

5 Standing Delegation (Item 5)

5.1 Resolved:

That the standing delegation of authority to the Chair of the Committee, as set out in Agenda Item 5, be noted.

6 Minutes (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2019 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7 Summary List of Actions (Item 7)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

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

8 Action Taken under Delegated Authority (Item 8)

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

That the action taken by the Chair under delegated authority, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, namely to agree the output from the 6 December 2019 meeting, be noted.

9 Mayoral Responses (Item 9)

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

9.2 **Resolved:**

That the following Mayoral responses be noted:

- (a) The Committee's letter on embodied carbon in London as attached at Appendix 1 of the report; and**
- (b) The Committee's report, *Keeping out the Chill: fixing London's cold, damp and mouldy homes*, attached at Appendix 2 of the report.**

10 Green Spaces in London (Item 10)

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

- Peter Massini, Principal Policy and Programme Officer (Green Infrastructure), Greater London Authority;
- Helen Monger, Director, London Parks & Garden Trust;
- Tony Leach, Chief Executive, Parks for London;
- Dave Morris, Chair, National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces; and
- Chris Whyte, Operational Director – Environmental Services, London Borough of Brent; and Green Space Lead, London Environment Directors' Network.

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

10.3 During the course of the discussion, the Chief Executive, Parks for London, undertook to provide the Committee with the details of the Parks Health Toolkit.

10.4 Resolved:

- (a) That the scope and terms of reference for the investigation be agreed.**
- (b) That the report and discussion be noted.**
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output from the discussion.**

11 Environment Committee Work Programme (Item 11)

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

11.2 Resolved:

That the work programme for the beginning of the 2019/20 Assembly year, as set out in paragraphs 4.2 to 4.4 of the report, be noted.

12 Date of Next Meeting (Item 12)

12.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Thursday, 27 June 2019 at 10.00am in Committee Room 5, City Hall.

13 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 13)

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

14 Close of Meeting

14.1 The meeting ended at 12.29pm.

Chair

Date

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