

MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**
Date: Thursday 18 July 2019
Time: 10.00 am
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

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| Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Chair) | Florence Eshalomi AM |
| Tony Arbour AM (Deputy Chairman) | Susan Hall AM |
| Gareth Bacon AM | Nicky Gavron AM |
| Shaun Bailey AM | Joanne McCartney AM |
| Sian Berry AM | Steve O'Connell AM |
| Andrew Boff AM | Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM |
| Leonie Cooper AM | Keith Prince AM |
| Tom Copley AM | Caroline Russell AM |
| Unmesh Desai AM | Navin Shah AM |
| Tony Devenish AM | Fiona Twycross AM |
| Andrew Dismore AM | Dr Onkar Sahota AM |
| Len Duvall AM | |

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from David Kurten AM and Peter Whittle AM.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed to the public gallery young people from Streamz, a charity in Lambeth working with young people aged 16-19 to improve their employment prospects; a group from the Havering Association for the Disabled, young people aged 16 to 19 from the Catherine West MP Politics Summer School; and politics students from the University of Florida.
- 1.3 The Chair provided an update on some recent Assembly activity, including: the Environment Committee's visit to a London Underground Station as part of its enquiry into tube dust; the Economy Committee's consideration of the value and challenges of apprenticeships; the Transport Committee's work on the challenges facing London's transport system in the future; the Budget and Performance Committee's consideration of the delivery of TfL's capital programme; the Planning Committee questioning the Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, and invited external experts to speak on issues relating to the Mayor's consideration of called in planning applications; and recent motions on the Croydon Tram Crash, a pay rise for police officers, harmful herbicides, training for TfL to assist passengers with disabilities, non-recyclable hot drinks cups, low MMR vaccination rates, and safeguarding directions to ensure the successful delivery of Crossrail 2.
- 1.4 The Assembly remembered the anniversary of the 7/7 bombings and those who lost their lives.
- 1.5 At 10.03am the Chair adjourned the meeting to allow the Chair of the London Youth Assembly (LYA), Katie Bacon, to present the LYA's recommendations to the Mayor on youth violence and safety; and mental health and well-being. The LYA formed in 2018 to bring together representatives from different youth forums across London, and to create positive change for young people. The meeting resumed at 10.07am.

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 (Mayor's Question Time) meeting held on 20 June 2019 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Mayor's Report (Item 4)

- 4.1 The Assembly noted the Mayor's Report covering the period from 7 June 2019 to 4 July 2019.
- 4.2 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**.
- 5.3 During the course of the question and answer session the Chair 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 The Deputy Chairman assumed the Chair for the duration of question 2019/14442 and also assumed the Chair from 11.50am onwards.
- 5.5 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Assembly agreed the motion set out on the agenda in the name of the Chair, namely:

"That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked".

6 Revised GLA Expenses and Benefits Framework (Item 6)

6.1 The Assembly received the report of the Chief Officer.

6.2 **Resolved:**

That the Assembly agreed the revised GLA Expenses and Benefits Framework as a joint decision with the Mayor in relation to the Framework's application to the GLA's statutory officers and to the Mayor and Assembly Members.

7 Future Meetings of the London Assembly (Item 7)

7.1 **Resolved:**

(a) That it be agreed that the Assembly, under section 61 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999, require the attendance of Sir Peter Hendy CBE (Chair, LLDC) and Lyn Garner (Chief Executive, LLDC) at the 5 September 2019 London Assembly (Plenary) meeting at 10am, for which notice will be given in accordance with section 62 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 in due course, to answer questions in relation to the policies and work of the London Legacy Development Corporation; and

(b) That it be agreed to use the 31 October 2019 Plenary meeting 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.

8 Proposed Delegation of Authority to the Chair of the Assembly (Item 8)

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

That, in relation to urgent matters only, a general delegation of authority in respect of the Assembly's powers and functions (apart from those that cannot under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 be delegated) be given to the Chair of the Assembly, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, party Group Leaders and relevant Committee Chair(s), from the close of this meeting until the next meeting of the Assembly, which will be the Plenary meeting on 5 September 2019.

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

The next meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting which was scheduled to take place at 10.00am on Thursday, 5 September 2019 in the Chamber, City Hall.

10 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 10)

10.1 There were no items of urgent business.

11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting ended at 12.42pm.

Chair

Date

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