

# MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly  
(Mayor's Question Time)**  
**Date: Thursday 12 September 2019**  
**Time: 10.00 am**  
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's  
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

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

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Boff AM, Nicky Gavron AM and Fiona Twycross AM.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed to the public gallery: students from the London School of Economics and the University of California; TfL apprentices and graduates; and representatives from the Spanish and Portuguese speaking communities in London and organisers of Amigo Month.
- 1.3 The Chair provided an update on some recent Assembly activity, including: the scrutiny of how boroughs are monitoring the standard of rented homes in London, how Brexit will affect policing, the current state of preparation and planning for Brexit, and the Olympic legacy; and recent motions passed by the Assembly including those on police numbers, the retention of key worker housing, greater rail devolution, maintaining the maximum taxi licence age, CCTV on the Central Line and a no-deal Brexit.
- 1.4 Following the announcement earlier that week in relation to Honours conferred by Her Majesty the Queen, the Chair congratulated Metropolitan Police Commissioner Cressida Dick CBE QPM who had been made a Dame Commander of the British Empire, in recognition of her public service. Further congratulations were extended by the Chair to Sir Simon Woolley (Founder and Director of Operation Black Vote), Ruth Hunt (lately Chief Executive of Stonewall), and Gavin Barwell (lately Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister and former Member of Parliament for Croydon Central and Minister of State for Housing, Planning and London, who had previously appeared before the Assembly) who had been recognised with peerages.

## **2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)**

- 2.1 The Assembly 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 Mayor's Report (Item 3)**

- 3.1 The Assembly noted the Mayor's Report covering the period from 5 July 2019 to 29 August 2019.
- 3.2 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**.

#### **4 Questions to the Mayor (Item 4)**

- 4.1 The record of the discussion with the Mayor, including oral answers given by the Mayor to Members' questions, is attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 4.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 The Deputy Chairman assumed the Chair for the duration of question 2019/17536.
- 4.5 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".**

#### **5 Date of Next Meeting (Item 5)**

- 5.1 The next meeting of the London Assembly would be the Mayor's Question Time meeting which was scheduled to take place at 10.00am on Thursday, 17 October 2019 in the Chamber, City Hall.

#### **6 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 6)**

- 6.1 There were no items of urgent business.

#### **7 Close of Meeting**

- 7.1 The meeting ended at 12.54pm.

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Chair

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