

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Health Committee**

**Date: Thursday 13 January 2022**

**Time: 10.00 am**

**Place: G02 – G03 – G04, LFB Headquarters,  
169 Union Street, London, SE1 0LL**

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Present:

Caroline Russell AM (Chair)

Emma Best AM (Deputy Chairman)

Andrew Boff AM

Dr Onkar Sahota AM

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

- 1.1 There were no apologies for absence. In accordance with Standing Order 2.4, Krupesh Hirani AM participated in the meeting remotely, with the permission of the Chair.
- 1.2 The Chair extended the Committee's congratulations to Professor Kevin Fenton on his Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) award in the New Year Honours List for service to Public Health.

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

- 2.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly 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 25 November 2021 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 Assembly Secretariat.

#### **4.2 Resolved:**

**That the completed, ongoing and closed actions arising from previous meetings of the Health Committee be noted.**

### **5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)**

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

#### **5.2 Resolved**

**That the recent action taken by the Chair under delegated authority, following consultation with party Group Lead Members, namely to agree *The Toilet Paper* report, as attached at Appendix 1, be noted.**

### **6 COVID-19: The Current Situation in London and the Indirect Effects of the Pandemic (Item 6)**

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat as background to putting questions to the following invited guests:

Session 1: COVID-19: The Current Situation in London

- Professor Kevin Fenton CBE, Regional Director for London, Office of Health Improvement and Disparities;
- Martin Machray, Executive Director of Performance and Covid-19 Incident Director, NHS England and NHS Improvement- London; and
- Daniel Elkeles, Chief Executive, London Ambulance Service.

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Session 2: The Indirect Effects of the Pandemic

- Martin Machray, Executive Director of Performance and Covid-19 Incident Director, NHS England and NHS Improvement;
- Siva Anandaciva, Chief Analyst, The King's Fund;
- Emma Tingley, Head of Partnerships- London & South East Regions, Macmillan Cancer Support; and
- Dr Chaand Nagpaul, Chair of Council, British Medical Association.

6.2 Transcripts of the two sessions are attached at **Appendices 1 and 2**.

6.3 During the course of the first panel discussion, the Executive Director of Performance and Covid-19 Incident Director, NHS England and NHS Improvement- London, agreed to:

- Provide data regarding the numbers of children who are being admitted to hospital and to intensive care due to COVID-19/Omicron; and
- Share details of the plan to improve recruitment and retention of NHS nursing staff.

6.4 During the second panel discussion, the Chair of Council, British Medical Association, agreed to send the plan detailing a different model to deliver care that brings primary and secondary care together.

6.5 The Head of Partnerships, London and South East Regions, Macmillan Cancer Support agreed to circulate the MacMillan *Cancer Nursing on the Line* report.

6.6 **Resolved:**

**(a) That the report and subsequent discussion be noted.**

**(b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the discussion.**

## **7 Health Committee Work Programme (Item 7)**

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

**That its work programme be noted.**

## **8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)**

8.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 2 March 2022 at 2.00 pm 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 13.09pm.

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Chair

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