

AGENDA

Meeting	Time for Action Panel
Date	Thursday 3 November 2011
Time	2.30 pm
Place	Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Joanne McCartney (Chair)
Andrew Boff
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Len Duvall
Caroline Pidgeon

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Mark Roberts, Executive Director of Secretariat
Wednesday 26 October 2011

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Certificate Number: FS 80233

Agenda
Time for Action Panel
Thursday 3 November 2011

1. Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements

To receive any apologies for absence and any announcements from the Chair.

2. Declarations of Interest (Pages 1 - 2)

The Panel is recommended to:

- (a) Note the list of memberships of functional bodies and London Borough Councils, as set out in the table at Item 2;**
- (b) Note the gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out on the Authority's gifts and hospitality register; and**
- (c) Declare any other personal or personal prejudicial interests in specific items listed on the agenda over and above those items listed in the table at Item 2 and including any interests arising from gifts or hospitality received within the previous three years or from the date of election to the London Assembly, whichever is the later, which are not at the time of this meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality.**

3. Time for Action - Update (Pages 3 - 6)

Report of the Executive Director of Secretariat

Contact: Richard Derecki, richard.derecki@london.gov.uk, 020 7983 4899.

The Panel is recommended to put questions to the expert guests on progress with the Mayor's Time for Action programmes, with specific focus on Project Titan and the role of mentoring in helping to avert young people from youth crime and violence.

4. Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent

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London Assembly

Membership of Functional Bodies and London Borough Councils

Member	(Personal) Interest
Andrew Boff	
James Cleverly	Member, MPA; Member, LDA
Len Duvall	
Joanne McCartney	Member, MPA
Caroline Pidgeon	Member, MPA

[Note: LB - London Borough; LDA – London Development Agency; LFEPA – London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority; MPA – Metropolitan Police Authority.]

Recommendations:

- (i) That the list of memberships of functional bodies and London Borough Councils, as set out in the table above, be noted;
- (ii) That gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out on the Authority's gifts and hospitality register, be noted; and
- (iii) That all Members declare any other personal or personal prejudicial interests in specific items listed on the agenda over and above those items listed in the table above and including any interests arising from gifts or hospitality received within the previous three years or from the date of election to the London Assembly, whichever is the later, which are not at the time of this meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality.

The above memberships of the GLA's Functional Bodies and London Borough Councils are listed for the purposes of public transparency. However, Members should note that in accordance with the GLA's Code of Conduct, they must declare any other **personal interests** (except interests arising from gifts and hospitality that appear on the gifts and hospitality register at the time of the meeting) they have in any item on the agenda or as they arise during the course of the meeting. Members must say to which item their interest relates. If they have a personal interest Members must also consider whether or not that interest is a **prejudicial personal interest** and take the necessary action. When considering whether or not they have a declarable interest, Members should consult paragraphs 8-12 of the Code.

A **personal interest** is, generally, one that would affect a Member (either directly or through a connection with a relevant person or organisation) more than other people in London, in respect of the item of business under consideration at the meeting.

If a member of the public, knowing all the relevant facts, would view a Member's personal interest in the item under consideration as so substantial that it would appear likely to prejudice the Member's judgment of the public interest, then the Member has a **prejudicial personal interest**.

The Code of Conduct also specifically requires Members, where considering a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom they have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25 within the previous three years or from the date of election to the London Assembly, whichever is the later, to disclose the existence and nature of that interest at any meeting of the Authority which they attend at which that business is considered.

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Consequences: If a Member has a **personal interest**: they must declare the interest but can stay, speak and vote. If the Member has **prejudicial personal interest**: they declare the interest, cannot speak or vote on the item and must leave the room.

Subject: Time for Action - Update

Report to: Time for Action Panel

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 3 November 2011

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

This report sets out background information to the Panel's question and answer session with Cllr. Steve Reed, London Councils Executive Member for Children's Services and Skills and Employment; Lizzie Noel, Mayor's Adviser Social Action and Volunteering; Roger Hadwen, Senior Policy and Project Officer – Community Safety; and Ray Lewis, Mayor's Champion for Mentoring.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **The Panel is recommended to put questions to the expert guests on progress with the Mayor's Time for Action programmes, with specific focus on Project Titan and the role of mentoring in helping to avert young people from youth crime and violence.**

3. Background

Launched in November 2008, "Time for Action"¹ aims to "set out practical strategies for harnessing and re-directing the energies that lead to youth violence". The Mayor proposed that his programme should focus on the critical moments in a young person's life when things can go wrong: early years, the transition to secondary school, the entry to the job market and when young people are incarcerated.

- 3.2 Time for Action identifies two essential contributions the Mayor can make:
- To provide leadership; and
 - To use the resources of the GLA to facilitate programmes in which the Group can play a key role.
- 3.3 The Mayor's strategy proposes five core programmes:
- Project Daedalus: supporting young people who are in custody for the first time;
 - Project Brodie: keeping young people in education;
 - Mayor's Scholars: London Academies, Apprentices and looked after children;
 - Project Titan: developing character and responsibility; and
 - Project Oracle: establishing and disseminating what works best.

¹ <http://www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/mayor/publications/safety-and-policing/time-action>

The strategy also proposed expanding sport and music opportunities but there was little detail of what this meant in practice.

- 3.4 The Assembly established a Panel, chaired by Joanne McCartney AM, to prepare a response to the initial consultation stage of the strategy. The Panel spoke to a number of experts including from Children's Services, Feltham Young Offenders Institute and the Metropolitan Police Service and put questions to the Deputy Mayor for Policing. The Panel's response made a number of recommendations for changes to the final draft and highlighted further areas that needed to be incorporated and developed in the revised strategy.²
- 3.5 Two years on from the launch of the strategy³ the Business Management and Administration Committee, at its meeting on 23 September 2010, decided to re-establish the Panel with the following term of reference:

That the Panel seeks a detailed update from the Mayor on the programme of work as set out in Time for Action.

- 3.6 The Panel then wrote to Kit Malthouse, the Deputy Mayor for Policing on 25 November 2010. His reply can be found - <http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=4386&T=10> (page 11 onwards). A Panel meeting was held on 16 March 2011 to discuss with the Deputy Mayor for Policing progress with the main Time for Action programmes.⁴
- 3.7 A further Panel meeting was held on 21 July 2011 with a particular focus on the value of mentoring in supporting and diverting young people away from criminal activity and the Mayor's role in supporting children in care. Expert guests included Pam Chester, Mayor's Advisor on Health and Families, Steve Matthews, Chief Executive Mentoring and Befriending Foundation and Helen Hibbert, Strategic Director, Partnership for Young London.⁵

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 This meeting will hear from Cllr. Steve Reed who will set out the context for the provision of youth services in London and the role of the boroughs in tackling serious youth violence.
- 4.2 Following the award of a £1.3m grant to a consortium led by University of East London to deliver the Mayor's mentoring programme, further questions about objectives and the practicalities of running the scheme will be put to Lizzie Noel and Ray Lewis.⁶

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Panel has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

² <http://www.london.gov.uk/archive/assembly/reports/children/time-for-action-response.pdf>

³ An update report was published in September 2009

⁴ The transcript for that meeting can be found at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=4888&T=9>

⁵ The transcript for that meeting can be found at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=5205&T=9>

⁶ The Panel raised a number of questions about the tendering process and responses from Lizzie Noel can be found here: http://www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/the-london-assembly/assembly_investigation/Time-for-Action

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Background Papers

Correspondence from Lizzie Noel, Mayor's Adviser Social Action and Volunteering:

http://www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/the-london-assembly/assembly_investigation/Time-for-Action

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List of Background Papers: As quoted above in the footnotes.

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