

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** London Assembly (Plenary)  
**Date:** Wednesday 26 January 2022  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Place:** Chamber, City Hall, Kamal Chunchie Way, London, E16 1ZE

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Present:

Marina Ahmad AM

Shaun Bailey AM

Elly Baker AM

Siân Berry AM

Emma Best AM

Andrew Boff AM

Hina Bokhari AM

Anne Clarke AM

Léonie Cooper AM

Unmesh Desai AM

Tony Devenish AM

Len Duvall AM

Peter Fortune AM

Susan Hall AM

Krupesh Hirani AM

Joanne McCartney AM

Sem Moema AM

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

Zack Polanski AM

Keith Prince AM

Nicholas Rogers AM

Caroline Russell AM

Dr Onkar Sahota AM

Sakina Sheikh AM

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

- 1.1 No apologies for absence were received. In accordance with Standing Order 2.4, Neil Garratt AM participated in the meeting remotely, with the permission of the Chair.

- 1.2 The Chair provided an update on some recent Assembly activity, including:
- The Police and Crime Committee’s meeting questioning the Metropolitan Police Commissioner on a range of matters, including the Stephen Port murder inquests and restoring police trust with the LGBTQ+ community; and
  - The Elections Review Working Group publication of its review into the 2021 GLA Elections, which included recommendations on how to improve the delivery of the 2024 GLA Elections.

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

2.1 The Assembly 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 Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.**

## **3 Draft Consolidated Budget for 2022-23 (Item 3)**

### **3a Report of the Mayor (Item 3a)**

3.1 The Assembly received an oral statement from the Mayor on his draft Consolidated Budget for 2022-23.

3.2 A copy of the Mayor’s statement is attached at **Appendix 1**.

### **3b Response by the London Assembly’s Budget and Performance Committee to the Mayor of London’s GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2022-23 Consultation (Item 3b)**

3.3 In accordance with Section 100(B)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to accept the Budget and Performance Committee’s response to the Mayor’s GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2022-23 Consultation Document, as a late, urgent item on the grounds that the report was only available following the publication of the agenda, and in order that the Assembly can receive the Committee’s response to the Mayor of London’s GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2022-23 Consultation prior to considering and debating the draft Consolidated Budget for the GLA Group 2022-23

3.4 The Chairman of the London Assembly’s Budget and Performance Committee, Susan Hall AM, presented the Committee’s response to the Mayor of London’s GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2022-23 Consultation Document.

3.5 A copy of the statement by the Chairman of the London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee is attached at **Appendix 2**.

**3c Questions to the Mayor on his Draft Consolidated Budget Proposals for 2022-23 (Item 3c)**

3.6 Assembly Members put questions to the Mayor on each of the seven component budgets set out within the draft Consolidated Budget proposals.

3.7 David Bellamy, Chief of Staff, and David Gallie, Executive Director of Resources, Greater London Authority (GLA), were also in attendance for the duration of the question and answer session.

3.8 The record of the questions put by Assembly Members, together with the Mayor's answers, is attached at **Appendix 3**.

3.9 The meeting adjourned at 11.17am, reconvening at 11.27am.

3.10 During the course of the discussion the Mayor undertook to:

- Ensure London Recovery Board taskforce officers were aware of the Health Committee's Report *The Toilet Paper: The London Assembly Health Committee's three principles for improving public toilet provision in London*, and the need to provide access to toilets for vulnerable Londoners;
- Arrange for the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development to advise the Assembly of the expected publication date of Lord Kerslake's review into GLA housing delivery, and arrange for Peter Fortune AM to engage with Lord Kerslake;
- Arrange for the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to advise the Assembly of the expected publication date of the updated Estates Strategy following its review; and
- Provide further detail about and the funding allocated to the exploration of further road user charging options in London.

3.11 The Assembly additionally requested that the Mayor provide further detail on whether the London Legacy Development Corporation's (LLDC) culture and governance processes were transparent enough.

3.12 At 12.30pm, the Chair adjourned the meeting until 1.45pm. The meeting reconvened at 1.46pm.

#### **4 Consideration by the London Assembly of the Mayor of London's Draft Consolidated Budget Proposals 2022-23 (Item 4)**

4.1 The substantive motion before the Assembly was: "To approve the draft Consolidated Budget for 2022-23, together with the draft component budgets comprised within it, with or without amendment."

4.2 It was noted that this was the first of a two stage budget-setting process and that the Assembly was due to make a final decision on the budget at the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting on 24 February 2022.

4.3 A formal budget amendment was moved by Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM and seconded by Zack Polanski AM (and is attached at **Appendix 4**).

4.4 A formal budget amendment was moved by Caroline Russell AM and seconded by Siân Berry AM (and is attached at **Appendix 5**).

4.5 The Assembly then turned to debate the Mayor's draft Consolidated Budget 2022-23 and the formal budget amendments.

4.6 Following debate and upon being put to a vote:

**The formal budget amendment proposed by Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, as set out at Appendix 4, was declared carried (with 12 votes being cast in favour and 0 votes being cast against).**

**The formal budget amendment proposed by Caroline Russell AM, as set out at Appendix 5, was declared carried (with 12 votes being cast in favour and 0 votes being cast against).**

4.7 It was noted that the Mayor was under a duty to respond to these amendments when he presented his final draft budget to the Assembly at its Mayor's Question Time meeting on 24 February 2022.

4.8 A budget related motion was moved by Caroline Russell AM and seconded by Siân Berry AM (and is attached at **Appendix 6**).

4.9 A budget related motion was moved by Siân Berry AM and seconded by Zack Polanski AM (and is attached at **Appendix 6**).

4.10 A budget related motion was moved by Zack Polanski AM and seconded by Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (and is attached at **Appendix 6**).

4.11 A budget related motion was moved by Susan Hall AM and seconded by Peter Fortune AM (and is attached at **Appendix 6**).

4.12 Following debate and upon being put to a vote:

**The budget related motion proposed by Caroline Russell AM was declared carried (with 12 votes being cast in favour and 0 votes being cast against).**

**The budget related motion proposed by Siân Berry AM was declared carried (with 11 votes being cast in favour and 0 votes being cast against).**

**The budget related motion proposed by Zack Polanski AM was declared lost (with 4 votes being cast in favour and 19 votes being cast against).**

**The budget related motion proposed by Susan Hall AM was declared lost (with 8 votes being cast in favour and 15 votes being cast against).**

4.13 It was confirmed that there were no other formal budget amendments or budget related motions for the Assembly's consideration and that, as two Budget Amendments had been carried, in accordance with Standing Order 6.7E, the Substantive Motion before the Assembly fell without a further vote being required. In accordance with Paragraph 5(5) of Schedule 6 to the GLA Act 1999 the Draft Consolidated Budget was deemed to have been approved as amended.

4.14 It was explained that this concluded the Assembly's consideration of the draft Consolidated Budget for 2022-23.

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

5.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly was the Plenary meeting which would take place at 10.00am on Thursday 10 February 2022 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 finished at 3.16pm.

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Chair

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