

MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**
Date: Thursday 16 January 2020
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)

Nicky Gavron AM

Tony Arbour AM (Deputy Chairman)

Susan Hall AM

Gareth Bacon MP AM

David Kurten AM

Shaun Bailey AM

Joanne McCartney AM

Siân Berry AM

Steve O'Connell AM

Andrew Boff AM

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

Léonie Cooper AM

Keith Prince AM

Unmesh Desai AM

Dr Onkar Sahota AM

Tony Devenish AM

Navin Shah AM

Andrew Dismore AM

Fiona Twycross AM

Len Duvall AM

Peter Whittle AM

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

[Note: In the absence of the Chair, Jennette Arnold OBE AM, the Deputy Chairman, Tony Arbour AM, assumed the Chair and opened the meeting.]

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Tom Copley AM, Florence Eshalomi MP AM and Caroline Russell AM.
- 1.2 The Deputy Chairman in the Chair welcomed home education students and their families visiting with 'Educational Events' to the public gallery.
- 1.3 The Deputy Chairman in the Chair, then provided an update on some recent Assembly activity, including: the Budget and Performance Committee's questioning of the Mayor, TfL and Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation on the 2020-21 proposed Budgets; the publication of the Budget and Performance Committee's response to the Mayor's Draft Consultation Budget 2020/21 highlighting the areas on which the Committee would like the Mayor to provide further clarity; and the Health Committee's publication of a report on the scale of adverse childhood experiences in London, calling on the Mayor and the London Health Board to create an action plan.
- 1.4 Finally, the Deputy Chairman offered congratulations on behalf of the Assembly to all Londoners and GLA family colleagues who had received awards in Her Majesty the Queen's New Year's Honours List. In particular, congratulations were extended to former Assembly Members, Dame Diana Ruth Johnson MP and Sir Bob Neill MP, as well as the emergency services workers who had received honours as a result of their commitment to keeping Londoners safe. Finally, congratulations were extended to Andy Roe on his appointment as the new London Fire Commissioner and to Andrew Boff AM for his election as Deputy Leader of the GLA Conservatives Group.

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 19 December 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 6 December 2019 to 2 January 2020.
- 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**.

[Note: The Chair, Jennette Arnold OBE AM assumed the Chair at 10.05am.]

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 from 11.42am to 11.48am for the duration of question 2020/0148.
- 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 Outcome of Confirmation Hearing in Respect of the Appointment of the London Fire Commissioner (Item 6)

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

6.2 Resolved:

That the decision of the Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning (FREP) Committee, further to its meeting held on 17 December 2019, and as set out at Appendix 2, to recommend that the Mayor should proceed with his proposed appointment of Andy Roe to the office of the London Fire Commissioner, be noted.

7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)

7.1 The next meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting which was scheduled to take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 29 January 2020 in the Chamber, City Hall and would principally be used to put questions to the Mayor on, and to consider, the Draft Consolidated Budget for the GLA Group for 2020/21.

8 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 8)

- 8.1 There were two items of urgent business which had been accepted by the Chair, in accordance with Section 100B(4)(B) of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds that both matters arose after the publication of the agenda and needed to be reported to the Assembly at its next meeting to enable a decision to be taken at the earliest opportunity.

Change to Committee Memberships (Item 8a)

- 8.2 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of the Secretariat.

8.3 **Resolved:**

- (a) That Susan Hall AM be appointed as Chairman of the Budget and Performance Committee, to replace Gareth Bacon MP AM, further to the London Assembly GLA Conservatives Group's nomination.**
- (b) That Susan Hall AM be appointed as a member and Chairman of the Budget Monitoring Sub Committee, to replace Gareth Bacon MP AM, further to the London Assembly GLA Conservatives Group's nomination.**
- (c) That Gareth Bacon MP AM be appointed as a substitute member of the Budget Monitoring Sub Committee, to replace Susan Hall AM.**
- (d) That Susan Hall AM be appointed as a member and Deputy Chairman of the GLA Oversight Committee, to replace Gareth Bacon MP AM, further to the London Assembly GLA Conservatives Group's nomination.**
- (e) That Gareth Bacon MP AM be appointed as a substitute member of the GLA Oversight Committee, to replace Susan Hall AM.**
- (f) That Susan Hall AM be appointed as a member of the Chief Officer Performance Review Panel, to replace Gareth Bacon MP AM, further to the London Assembly GLA Conservatives Group's nomination.**

Appointment of the GLA's Executive Director, Resources / Chief Finance Officer (Item 8b)

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

8.5 **Resolved:**

- (a) **That, noting that it is a joint decision with the Mayor, the appointment of David Gallie as the Greater London Authority's (GLA) Executive Director, Resources incorporating the statutory role of Chief Finance Officer, with effect from 1 April 2020 and on the terms and conditions set out in the contract at Appendix 3, be approved.**
- (b) **That, pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the information set out at Appendix 3 to the report be excluded from publication, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972, and it is considered that in the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, and to note the information.**

Exclusion of Press and Public (Item 8c)

8.6 See minute 8.5 above.

Appointment of the GLA's Executive Director, Resources / Chief Finance Officer - Appendix 3 (Item 8d)

8.7 See minute 8.5 above.

9 Close of Meeting

9.1 The meeting ended at 12.54pm.

Chair

Date

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