

Subject: Change to Committee Memberships

Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 6 February 2020

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Assembly is asked to approve changes to the membership of the Housing Committee and the Police and Crime Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That further to the London Assembly GLA Labour Group's nomination, Unmesh Desai AM be appointed as a member and Chair of the Housing Committee, to replace Tom Copley AM.**
- 2.2 **That further to the London Assembly GLA Labour Group's nomination, Tom Copley AM be appointed as a member of the Police and Crime Committee, to replace Florence Eshalomi AM MP.**

3. Background

- 3.1 At its Annual Meeting on 2 May 2019, the London Assembly established and appointed Members to its committees.
- 3.2 Tom Copley AM has notified the Secretariat of his intention to step down from the Housing Committee as Chair and a member and from Planning Committee as a member.
- 3.3 Florence Eshalomi AM MP has also notified the Secretariat of her intention to step down from the Police and Crime Committee as a member.
- 3.4 In accordance with Standing Order 8.1(H), it now falls to the Assembly formally to appoint Assembly Members to fill the vacancies. In order to meet political proportionality rules, the replacement Member must come from the Assembly's Labour Group. In accordance with Standing Order 1.6(D), it also now falls to the Assembly formally to appoint a Chair where this position falls vacant. The Labour Group has nominated Unmesh Desai AM to fill the vacancy on the Housing Committee and to be appointed as Chair, and Tom Copley AM to fill the vacancy on the Police and Crime Committee.

- 3.5 A nomination to fill the vacancy on the Planning Committee is expected in due course.
- 3.6 The Assembly is recommended to approve these appointments.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 Further to the London Assembly GLA Labour Group's nominations, the Assembly is recommended to appoint Unmesh Desai AM as member and Chair of the Housing Committee and to appoint Tom Copley AM as a member of the Police and Crime Committee.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 Section 54(1) GLA Act 1999 (as amended) ("GLA Act") enables the Assembly to arrange for any of its functions to be discharged by a committee or sub-committee of the Assembly or by a single member of the Assembly. Committees, sub-committees and advisory committees are appointed under s55 GLA Act.
- 5.2 The Assembly agreed its committee structure for the current year at its Annual Meeting on 2 May 2019 and appointed Members to the bodies established at that meeting.
- 5.3 In accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Assembly must appoint Members to committees in accordance with the wishes of the party Group to which the relevant seats have been allocated and must act in accordance with the wishes of that Group in determining whether and when to terminate those appointments.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: None

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| Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 |
| List of Background Papers: None |
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