

AGENDA

Meeting	Health Committee
Date	Monday 12 January 2015
Time	2.00 pm
Place	Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Members of the Committee

Dr Onkar Sahota AM (Chair)
Andrew Boff AM (Deputy Chair)
Andrew Dismore AM

Kit Malthouse AM
Fiona Twycross AM

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Mark Roberts, Executive Director of Secretariat
Friday 2 January 2015

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**Agenda
Health Committee
Monday 12 January 2015**

1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements

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

2 Declarations of Interests (Pages 1 - 4)

Report of the Executive Director of Secretariat

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The Committee is recommended to:

- (a) Note the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, as disclosable pecuniary interests;**
- (b) Note the declaration by any Member(s) of any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and the necessary action taken by the Member(s) regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s); and**
- (c) Note the declaration by any Member(s) of any other interests deemed to be relevant (including any interests arising from gifts and hospitality received which are not at the time of the meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality, and noting also the advice from the GLA's Monitoring Officer set out at Agenda Item 2) and to note any necessary action taken by the Member(s) following such declaration(s).**

3 The Mayor's Response to the London Health Commission Report *Better Health for London* (Pages 5 - 8)

Report of the Executive Director of Secretariat

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The Committee is recommended to note the report as background to its discussion with the Mayor on the findings of the London Health Commission, as published on 17 October 2014.

4 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 14 January 2015 at 2.00 pm in the Chamber, City Hall.

5 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent

Subject: Declarations of Interests	
Report to: Health Committee	
Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat	Date: 12 January 2015
This report will be considered in public	

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out details of offices held by Assembly Members for noting as disclosable pecuniary interests and requires additional relevant declarations relating to disclosable pecuniary interests, and gifts and hospitality to be made.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table below, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests¹;**
- 2.2 **That the declaration by any Member(s) of any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and the necessary action taken by the Member(s) regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s) be noted; and**
- 2.3 **That the declaration by any Member(s) of any other interests deemed to be relevant (including any interests arising from gifts and hospitality received which are not at the time of the meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality, and noting also the advice from the GLA's Monitoring Officer set out at below) and any necessary action taken by the Member(s) following such declaration(s) be noted.**

3. Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 Relevant offices held by Assembly Members are listed in the table overleaf:

¹ The Monitoring Officer advises that: Paragraph 10 of the Code of Conduct will only preclude a Member from participating in any matter to be considered or being considered at, for example, a meeting of the Assembly, where the Member has a direct Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in that particular matter. The effect of this is that the 'matter to be considered, or being considered' must be about the Member's interest. So, by way of example, if an Assembly Member is also a councillor of London Borough X, that Assembly Member will be precluded from participating in an Assembly meeting where the Assembly is to consider a matter about the Member's role / employment as a councillor of London Borough X; the Member will not be precluded from participating in a meeting where the Assembly is to consider a matter about an activity or decision of London Borough X.

Member	Interest
Tony Arbour AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Richmond
Jennette Arnold OBE AM	Committee of the Regions
Gareth Bacon AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Bexley
John Biggs AM	
Andrew Boff AM	Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe)
Victoria Borwick AM	Member, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea; Deputy Mayor
James Cleverly AM	Chairman of LFEPA; Chairman of the London Local Resilience Forum; substitute member, Local Government Association Fire Services Management Committee
Tom Copley AM	
Andrew Dismore AM	Member, LFEPA
Len Duvall AM	
Roger Evans AM	Committee of the Regions; Trust for London (Trustee)
Nicky Gavron AM	
Darren Johnson AM	Member, LFEPA
Jenny Jones AM	Member, House of Lords
Stephen Knight AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Richmond
Kit Malthouse AM	Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise; Deputy Chair, London Enterprise Panel; Chair, Hydrogen London; Chairman, London & Partners; Board Member, TheCityUK
Joanne McCartney AM	
Steve O'Connell AM	Member, LB Croydon; MOPAC Non-Executive Adviser for Neighbourhoods
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM	
Murad Qureshi AM	Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe)
Dr Onkar Sahota AM	
Navin Shah AM	
Valerie Shawcross CBE AM	Member, LFEPA
Richard Tracey AM	Chairman of the London Waste and Recycling Board; Mayor's Ambassador for River Transport
Fiona Twycross AM	Member, LFEPA

[Note: LB - London Borough; LFEPA - London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority; MOPAC – Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime]

3.2 Paragraph 10 of the GLA's Code of Conduct, which reflects the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011, provides that:

- where an Assembly Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered or being considered or at
 - (i) a meeting of the Assembly and any of its committees or sub-committees; or
 - (ii) any formal meeting held by the Mayor in connection with the exercise of the Authority's functions
- they must disclose that interest to the meeting (or, if it is a sensitive interest, disclose the fact that they have a sensitive interest to the meeting); and

- must not (i) participate, or participate any further, in any discussion of the matter at the meeting; or (ii) participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on the matter at the meeting

UNLESS

- they have obtained a dispensation from the GLA's Monitoring Officer (in accordance with section 2 of the Procedure for registration and declarations of interests, gifts and hospitality – Appendix 5 to the Code).

- 3.3 Failure to comply with the above requirements, without reasonable excuse, is a criminal offence; as is knowingly or recklessly providing information about your interests that is false or misleading.
- 3.4 In addition, the Monitoring Officer has advised Assembly Members to continue to apply the test that was previously applied to help determine whether a pecuniary / prejudicial interest was arising - namely, that Members rely on a reasonable estimation of whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, could, with justification, regard the matter as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.
- 3.5 Members should then exercise their judgement as to whether or not, in view of their interests and the interests of others close to them, they should participate in any given discussions and/or decisions business of within and by the GLA. It remains the responsibility of individual Members to make further declarations about their actual or apparent interests at formal meetings noting also that a Member's failure to disclose relevant interest(s) has become a potential criminal offence.
- 3.6 Members are also required, 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.
- 3.7 The obligation to declare any gift or hospitality at a meeting is discharged, subject to the proviso set out below, by registering gifts and hospitality received on the Authority's on-line database. The on-line database may be viewed here:
<http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/gifts-and-hospitality>.
- 3.8 If any gift or hospitality received by a Member is not set out on the on-line database at the time of the meeting, and under consideration is a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom a Member has received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25, Members are asked to disclose these at the meeting, either at the declarations of interest agenda item or when the interest becomes apparent.
- 3.9 It is for Members to decide, in light of the particular circumstances, whether their receipt of a gift or hospitality, could, on a reasonable estimation of a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, with justification, be regarded as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest. Where receipt of a gift or hospitality could be so regarded, the Member must exercise their judgement as to whether or not, they should participate in any given discussions and/or decisions business of within and by the GLA.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The legal implications are as set out in the body of this report.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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List of Background Papers: None

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Subject: The Mayor's Response to the London Health Commission Report *Better Health for London*

Report to: Health Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 12 January 2015

This report will be considered in public.

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out background information and context to the discussion Members will have with the Mayor on his role in implementing the London Health Commission's findings and recommendations.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes this report as background to its discussion with the Mayor on the findings of the London Health Commission, as published on 17 October 2014.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The report *Better Health for London*¹, was published on 17 October 2014, and is the culmination of a year-long programme of work by the independent commission, known as the London Health Commission, set up by the Mayor in September 2013.²
- 3.2 The Mayor appointed Lord Ara Darzi to chair the London Health Commission, and in his initial announcement confirmed that the Commission would support the work of the London Health Board, focusing on three broad areas of work:
- Whether the specific needs of London's diverse population are adequately understood by government and reflected in funding allocation formulae;
 - The sustainability of healthcare services in the capital; and
 - How London's health research institutions (Academic Health Science Networks) can best be supported.

¹ www.londonhealthcommission.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Better-Health-for-London-Interactive-Summary-Report.pdf

² www.london.gov.uk/media/mayor-press-releases/2013/09/independent-commission-to-be-set-up-to-investigate-health-and

These areas of work were later refined into four specific work streams, with a fifth work stream being added, following the publication of Commission's summary of evidence in March 2014.³

- 3.3 The Assembly has engaged with the Commission's work throughout. Lord Darzi attended a Health Committee meeting on 26 November 2013, to set out early thoughts on the Commission's approach to the task it had been set, the desired impact and post-publication implementation of its findings. The Health Committee submitted a response to the Commission's call for evidence in December 2013. Lord Darzi also attended the Assembly Plenary question and answer session on the work of the Commission on 18 June 2014.
- 3.4 The Commission published its findings and recommendations on 17 October 2014. Lord Darzi was invited to attend the Health Committee meeting on 25 November 2014, along with representatives from key stakeholder organisations tasked with taking the recommendations forward, to discuss the implementation phase of the Commission's work. Lord Darzi was unable to attend due to a prior engagement.
- 3.5 The Chair of the Health Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, called a meeting on 12 January 2015 and invited both the Mayor and Lord Darzi to attend. The Mayor has accepted the Committee's invitation, but Lord Darzi is unable to attend.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The Commission report sets out 64 wide-ranging recommendations across five headline groups:
- Better health for all;
 - Better health for London's children;
 - Better care;
 - Maximising science, discovery and innovation; and
 - Making it happen.
- 4.2 In relation to the Mayor, *Better Health for London* recommends that in the short term, he should "convene and personally chair a group to prepare a unified delivery plan". It recommends that over the longer term, the group should "continue to oversee progress in the implementation of the recommendations", and that the Mayor should appoint a London Health Commissioner "to champion health in the capital, supported by combining the London region of Public Health England and the GLA health teams". The report also recommends that "the Mayor should request the Department of Health for the Commissioner to receive a significant budget from Public Health England."
- 4.3 More generally, the Commission's findings and recommendations express a strong public health focus, setting out plans to make London's parks, Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square smoke free. A number of other preventative measures are outlined to tackle health threats posed by

³ The four work streams are: improving the quality and integration of care; enabling high quality and integrated care delivery; healthy lives and reducing inequalities; and health economy, research and education. The fifth work stream focused on public engagement, and how people on an individual, community and city-wide level should be engaged in the way health and healthcare is provided.

the rise in obesity, to encourage more physical activity, and to accelerate initiatives to improve air quality. Recommendations are also focused on reducing health inequalities experienced by those who are mentally ill, improving access to primary care - including the need for a five-year £1 billion investment programme in GP premises - and better engaging Londoners to have a say in how care should be delivered, by establishing a Londonwide online platform and citizens' health panel.

Key areas of focus for the Assembly

- 4.4 Members raised questions early on about the role the Commission will play, particularly in terms of facilitating change, and the challenge of delivering any recommendations it makes in the current complex health landscape.⁴ Members were also keen to receive assurances on how any proposed changes will benefit patients in practical terms, improve access to primary and community care and work to alleviate pressure on A&E departments in London.⁵ How the investment and funding needed to bring about the necessary changes would be sourced was also raised as a key concern.

5. Legal Implications

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

6. Financial Implications

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

List of appendices to this report: None

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List of Background Papers: None.
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⁴ Transcript of Health Committee Meeting, 26 November 2013

⁵ Transcript of Assembly Plenary session, 18 June 2014

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