

MINUTES

Meeting: London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time)
Date: Wednesday 18 December 2013
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Darren Johnson AM (Chair)	Jenny Jones AM
Roger Evans AM (Deputy Chair)	Stephen Knight AM
Tony Arbour AM	Kit Malthouse AM
Jennette Arnold OBE AM	Joanne McCartney AM
Gareth Bacon AM	Steve O'Connell AM
John Biggs AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Andrew Boff AM	Murad Qureshi AM
Victoria Borwick AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Tom Copley AM	Navin Shah AM
Andrew Dismore AM	Valerie Shawcross CBE AM
Len Duvall AM	Richard Tracey AM
Nicky Gavron AM	Fiona Twycross AM

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

- 1.1 An apology for absence was received from James Cleverly AM.
- 1.2 The Chair gave a short speech regarding the life, and recent passing, of Nelson Mandela and his relationship with Londoners before the Assembly observed a minute's silence in memory of Mr Mandela.
- 1.3 The Chair stated that he would write to the Mandela family to express his condolences.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 2.2 **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 of the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting held on 20 November 2013 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 7 November to 4 December 2013.
- 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 as **Appendix 1**.

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 are attached as **Appendix 3**.

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- 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 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 Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)

- 6.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting on Wednesday 15 January 2014. This meeting would be used principally to hold a question and answer session with representatives of the London Legacy Development Corporation and, separately, with the Chair of the Communities and Local Government (Select) Committee on the Committee’s report on *Post-legislative scrutiny of the Greater London Authority Act 2007 and the London Assembly*.
- 6.2 The next scheduled Mayor’s Question Time meeting would take place on Wednesday 29 January 2014. This meeting would be used principally to discuss and consider the Draft Consolidated Budget for the GLA Group 2014/15.

6.3 **Resolved:**

That written answers be accepted to all questions submitted to the 29 January 2014 meeting under the Mayor’s Question Time procedure, in order to devote time to discussion of the Mayor’s Draft Consolidated Budget 2014/15.

7 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 7)

- 7.1 There were no items of urgent business.

8 Close of Meeting

- 8.1 The meeting ended at 12.49 pm.

Chair

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