

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Housing Committee**

**Date: Thursday 10 July 2014**

**Time: 2.00 pm**

**Place: Committee Room 4, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Darren Johnson AM (Chair)  
Tom Copley AM (Deputy Chair)  
Andrew Boff AM  
Nicky Gavron AM  
Murad Qureshi AM

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

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Stephen Knight AM, Steve O'Connell AM and Fiona Twycross AM, for whom Murad Qureshi AM attended as a Substitute Member.

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

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

### **3 Minutes (Item 3)**

#### **3.1 Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2014 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

### **4 Proposal for a review of Gypsy and Traveller Site provision in London (Item 4)**

4.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

#### **4.2 Resolved:**

- (a) That the terms of reference for a review into Gypsy and Traveller site provision in London, and the background paper, be agreed; and**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, to agree the site visit relating to this investigation.**

### **5 Resident Perspectives on the Regeneration of London's Social Housing Estates (Item 5)**

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat, as background to putting questions to the following invited guests:

- Sharon Hayward, London Tenants' Federation;
- Lucy Musgrave, Director, Publica; and
- Chris Jofeh, Director, Arup.

5.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.

5.3 During the course of the discussion Eileen Short from Haringey Defend Council Housing agreed to provide the Committee with their list of housing estates in London which are currently fighting plans to demolish homes.

5.4 Lucy Musgrave also agreed to provide the Committee with the following additional information:

- Examples of best practice of where public and resident intervention has resulted in improvements on estates in terms of public safety, and any other examples of best practice involving community participation in housing refurbishment;

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- Examples of best practice of intensifying housing estates without demolishing housing units; and
- Further information on the London Borough of Camden's EC1 New Deal.

**5.5 Resolved:**

**That the report and discussion be noted.**

**6 Housing Committee Work Programme (Item 6)**

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

**6.2 Resolved:**

**(a) That the work programme be noted; and**

**(b) That the November and December 2014 meeting slots be used for an investigation into improving the affordability of home ownership.**

**7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)**

7.1 The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 9 September 2014 at 10.00am in Committee Room 5, City Hall.

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

8.1 There was no urgent business.

**9 Close of Meeting**

9.1 The meeting ended at 4.25pm.

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Chair

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