

MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**
Date: Wednesday 17 September 2014
Time: 10.00 am
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

Roger Evans AM (Chairman)	Jenny Jones AM
Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Deputy Chair)	Stephen Knight AM
Tony Arbour AM	Kit Malthouse AM
Gareth Bacon AM	Joanne McCartney AM
John Biggs AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Andrew Boff AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Victoria Borwick AM	Murad Qureshi AM
James Cleverly 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
Darren Johnson AM	

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

1.1 There were no apologies for absence.

1.2 The Chairman welcomed to the public gallery members of Transport for London's graduate scheme, members of the London Borough of Newham's Youth Council and representatives of the Iberian American community who were taking part in celebrations for Amigo month.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 **Resolved:**

(a) 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; and

(b) That the following declarations by the Assembly Members indicated of receipt of gifts and hospitality which are not currently reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality be noted as non-pecuniary interests:

- **Roger Evans AM: Attendance at the Visa reception for the launch of contactless payment on London Underground;**
- **Joanna McCartney AM: Attendance at the launch of the Govia rail franchise; and**
- **Valerie Shawcross CBE AM: Attendance at the launch of the Govia rail franchise and attendance at the opening ceremony for the new News International building.**

3 Mayor's Report (Item 3)

3.1 The Assembly noted the Mayor's Report covering the period from 10 July to 3 September 2014.

3.2 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**.

4 Questions to the Mayor (Item 4)

- 4.1 The record of the discussion with the Mayor, including oral answers given by the Mayor to Members' questions, is attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 4.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 4.3 During the course of the questioning on question number 2014/3201 ("Standing up for London's employment spaces") the Chairman, in response to the Assembly's concerns in relation to the loss of employment space in London, suggested that the Assembly submit a joint response with the Mayor to the Government consultation on the proposed expansion of permitted development rights.

4.4 Resolved:

That delegated authority be given to the Chairman, in consultation with Assembly party Group Leaders, to submit a joint response with the Mayor to the Government's proposed expansion of permitted development rights.

- 4.5 During the course of the question and answer session, at 12.30pm, the Chairman 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.
- 4.6 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Chairman formally moved and the Assembly agreed the motion set out on the agenda, namely:

"That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked."

5 Date of Next Meeting (Item 5)

- 5.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the London Assembly would be the Mayor's Question Time meeting which will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 22 October 2014 in the Chamber, City Hall.

6 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 6)

- 6.1 There was no urgent business requiring consideration.

7 Close of Meeting

7.1 The meeting closed at 12.53pm

Chair

Date

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