

MINUTES

Meeting: Housing Committee
Date: Tuesday 10 February 2015
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Committee Room 5, 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
Stephen Knight AM
Murad Qureshi AM

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

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Nicky Gavron AM and Steve O'Connell AM.

2 Declarations of Interests (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 Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2014 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

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

4.2 Resolved:

That the outstanding actions arising from a previous meeting of the Committee be noted.

5 Affordable Home Ownership in London (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on affordable home ownership in London to the following invited guests:

- Stephen Hill, Trustee, National Community Land Trust Network;
- Alex Hilton, Director, Generation Rent;
- Jamie Ratcliff, Assistant Director – Programme, Policy and Services, Housing and Land, Greater London Authority; and
- Kush Rawal, Sales and Marketing Director, Thames Valley Housing Association.

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

5.3 During the course of the discussion, the Assistant Director – Programme, Policy and Services committed to provide the following additional information after the meeting:

- Both the average, and range, of income of those buyers entering shared ownership agreements by borough; and
- The staircasing figures available in the 'NROSH+' dataset used by the Homes and Communities Agency (referred to in Appendix 1).

5.4 Resolved:

That the report and discussion be noted.

6 The Impact of Investor Buyers on the Market for New Build Homes in London (Item 6)

- 6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 6.2 Andrew Boff AM sought clarification on the focus of the proposed investigation, particularly whether it would focus on both, or either, national or international investor buyers. The Assistant Scrutiny Manager explained that both would be included in the research.
- 6.3 Furthermore, Andrew Boff AM asked that the investigation should include research into the types of property invested in, as well as absolute numbers of properties. Murad Qureshi AM requested that work be undertaken to find the likely sources of the capital being invested in new build homes in London. In response, the Assistant Scrutiny Manager confirmed that both points would be further explored in research undertaken outside of the meeting.

6.4 Resolved:

That, subject to the comments made by Assembly Members above, the scope of the investigation into the impact of investor buyers on the market for new build homes in London be agreed.

7 Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision in London (Item 7)

- 7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

7.2 Resolved:

That the wording of the letter to the Mayor on Gypsy and Traveller site provision in London, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be formally agreed.

8 Housing Committee Work Programme (Item 8)

- 8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

8.2 Resolved:

(a) That the work programme be noted;

(b) That the topic of the remaining two planned Committee meetings of the current Assembly year, as detailed at paragraph 4.2 of the report, be agreed; and

(c) That the letter received from the Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property, as set out at Appendix 2 to the report, be noted.

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

9.1 The date of the next meeting of the Committee was confirmed as Wednesday, 4 March 2015 at 2.00 pm in the Chamber, City Hall.

10 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 10)

10.1 There were no items of business that the Chair considered to be urgent.

11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting ended at 12.21 pm.

Chair

Date

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