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**Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**
Date: Thursday 21 May 2015
Time: 10.00 am
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Chair)	Jenny Jones AM
Tony Arbour AM (Deputy Chairman)	Stephen Knight AM
Gareth Bacon AM	Kit Malthouse AM MP
Andrew Boff AM	Joanne McCartney AM
Victoria Borwick AM MP	Steve O'Connell AM
James Cleverly AM MP	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Tom Copley AM	Murad Qureshi AM
Andrew Dismore AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Len Duvall AM	Valerie Shawcross CBE AM
Roger Evans 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 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of John Biggs AM and Navin Shah AM.
- 1.2 During the course of the meeting the Chair welcomed to the public gallery: students from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, USA, the University of Nebraska in Omaha, USA and St Mary and St Peter's Primary School in Teddington; and taxi drivers who were in attendance to show support for the London Assembly Transport Committee's report on Taxi and Private Hire Services in London.

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 Mayor's Report (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

That the Mayor's Report covering the period from 12 March to 7 May 2015 be noted.

- 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 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.

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- 4.4 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Chair formally moved the motion set out on the agenda in her name, namely:

“That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked”.

- 4.5 Tom Copley AM moved and Darren Johnson AM seconded the following amendment to the motion:

After “That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked”, add:

“... and calls on the Mayor to commission an assessment of the implications of extending Right to Buy to Housing Association tenants and present the evidence to the Housing Committee for scrutiny.”

- 4.6 Jenny Jones AM moved and Murad Qureshi AM seconded the following additional amendment to the motion:

After “That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked”, add:

“This Assembly notes the Mayor’s answer that he is open to boroughs including more of their area in the Ultra Low Emission Zone, but notes that this was not offered in the recent consultation on his proposals. This Assembly therefore calls on the Mayor to request that TfL assess whether more boroughs opting in to the Ultra Low Emission Zone by 2020 would bring London into compliance with the European legal limits for nitrogen dioxide concentrations, and to publish that assessment.”

- 4.7 In accordance with Standing Order 3.8B, the Chair agreed that these amendments would be debated concurrently.

- 4.8 Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Tom Copley AM was agreed (14 votes cast in favour and 4 votes cast against).

- 4.9 Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Jenny Jones AM was also agreed (unanimously).

- 4.10 Upon a further vote, the substantive motion as amended, namely:

“That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked and calls on the Mayor to commission an assessment of the implications of extending Right to Buy to Housing Association tenants and present the evidence to the Housing Committee for scrutiny.

This Assembly notes the Mayor's answer that he is open to boroughs including more of their area in the Ultra Low Emission Zone, but notes this was not offered in the recent consultation on his proposals. This Assembly therefore calls on the Mayor to request that TfL assess whether more boroughs opting in to the Ultra Low Emission Zone by 2020 would bring London into compliance with the European legal limit values for nitrogen dioxide concentrations, and to publish that assessment."

was agreed (with 14 votes cast in favour and 6 votes cast against).

5 Date of Next Meeting (Item 5)

- 5.1 It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting which would take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 3 June 2015 in the Chamber, City Hall.

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

- 6.1 There was no urgent business.

7 Close of Meeting

- 7.1 The meeting closed at 1.09pm.

Chair

Date

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