

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Economy Committee**  
**Date: Thursday 18 June 2015**  
**Time: 10.00 am**  
**Place: Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Fiona Twycross AM (Chair)  
Stephen Knight AM (Deputy Chair)  
Tony Arbour AM  
Jenny Jones AM  
Dr Onkar Sahota AM

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

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Kit Malthouse AM MP and Murad Qureshi 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 Membership of the Committee (Item 3)**

#### **3.1 Resolved:**

**That the membership and chairing arrangements for the Committee, as agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 13 May 2015 be agreed as follows:**

**Fiona Twycross AM (Chair)  
Stephen Knight AM (Deputy Chair)  
Tony Arbour AM  
Jenny Jones AM  
Kit Malthouse AM MP  
Murad Qureshi AM  
Dr Onkar Sahota AM**

### **4 Terms of Reference (Item 4)**

#### **4.1 Resolved:**

**That the Committee's terms of reference, as agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 13 May 2015, be noted as follows:**

- 1. To examine and report from time to time on –
  - matters of importance to Greater London; and
  - the strategies, policies and actions of the Mayor and Functional Bodiesas they relate to economic development, wealth creation, social development, culture, sport and tourism in London.**
- 2. To provide lead oversight for the London Assembly of the policies, decisions and actions of the London Enterprise Panel.**
- 3. To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference.**
- 4. To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity.**

## **5 Standing Delegation (Item 5)**

### **5.1 Resolved:**

**That the following standing delegation be noted:**

At its Annual Meeting on 1 May 2013, the Assembly agreed to delegate a general authority to Chairs of all ordinary committees and sub-committees to respond on the relevant committee or sub-committee's behalf, following consultation with the lead Members of the party Groups on the committee or sub-committee, where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a committee meeting.

## **6 Minutes (Item 6)**

### **6.1 Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2015 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

## **7 Summary List of Actions (Item 7)**

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

### **7.2 Resolved:**

**That the completed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted.**

## **8 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 8)**

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

### **8.2 Resolved:**

**That the recent action taken by the Chair of the Economy Committee under the authority delegated to them as follows:**

- (a) That the Chair agreed the Committee's report *Final demand: Personal problem debt in London*; and**
- (b) That the Chair agreed the content of the podcast produced as a record of the Committee's financial services event held on 27 February 2015.**

## **9 The Role of the Third Sector in Employment and Skills Programmes (Item 9)**

9.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on the role of third sector organisations in employment and skills programmes to invited guests in two sessions. The first panel comprised:

- James Butler, Public Affairs Manager, Social Enterprise UK;
- Nehal Depani, Policy and Project Manager for Employment and Skills, London Voluntary Service Council; and
- Duncan Melville, Chief Economist, Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion.

9.2 A transcript of the discussion with the first panel is attached at **Appendix 1**.

9.3 The following guests were questioned in the second session:

- Kirsty McHugh, Chief Executive, Employment Related Services Association;
- Roy O'Shaughnessy, Chief Executive Officer, Shaw Trust; and
- Dr Ian Thurlby-Campbell, Business Development Manager, Ingeus.

9.4 A transcript of the second session is attached at **Appendix 2**.

9.5 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the scope and terms of reference of the investigation into the role of the third sector in employment and skills programmes be agreed; and**
- (b) That the report and discussion be noted.**

## **10 Personal Problem Debt (Item 10)**

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

10.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the Committee's report *Final demand: Personal problem debt in London*, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted; and**
- (b) That the responses received to the Committee's report on personal problem debt, as set out at Appendices 2 to 5 to the report, be noted.**

## **11 Economy Committee Work Programme (Item 11)**

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

11.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the Committee's work programme and priorities for 2015/16 be agreed;**
- (b) That the recent action taken by the Chair under delegated authority, namely to agree the topic of the Committee's June and July 2015 meetings, be noted; and**
- (c) That the proposal to hold a site visit on 10 September 2015 to explore connectivity issues be agreed.**

## **12 Date of Next Meeting (Item 12)**

12.1 The date of the next meeting of the Committee was confirmed as Tuesday 14 July 2015 at 10.00am in Committee Room 5, City Hall.

## **13 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 13)**

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

## **14 Close of Meeting**

14.1 The meeting ended at 11.57 am.

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Chair

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