

MINUTES

Meeting: London Assembly (Plenary)
Date: Wednesday 29 January 2020
Time: 10.00 am
**Place: Chamber, City Hall,
The Queen's Walk, London, SE1
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Present:

Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Chair)	Nicky Gavron AM
Tony Arbour AM (Deputy Chairman)	Susan Hall AM
Shaun Bailey AM	David Kurten AM
Siân Berry AM	Joanne McCartney AM
Andrew Boff AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Léonie Cooper AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Tom Copley AM	Keith Prince AM
Unmesh Desai AM	Caroline Russell AM
Tony Devenish AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Andrew Dismore AM	Navin Shah AM
Len Duvall AM	Fiona Twycross AM
Florence Eshalomi MP AM	Peter Whittle AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Gareth Bacon MP AM.
- 1.2 The Chair, then provided an update on some recent Assembly activity, including: the People's Question Time held in Haringey, the City Hall service marking the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and the 25th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia, the Education Panel's recent letter to the Mayor calling on him to address educational inequality and its impact on young Londoners, and the publication of the Budget and Performance Committee's response to the Mayor's Draft Consultation earlier in the month.

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 Item 3, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Draft Consolidated Budget 2020-21 (Item 3)

Report of the Mayor (Item 3a)

- 3.1 The Assembly received an oral statement from the Mayor on his draft 2020-21 Consolidated Budget document.
- 3.2 A copy of the Mayor's statement is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Response by the London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee to the Mayor of London's GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2020-21 Consultation Document (Item 3b)

- 3.3 The Chairman of the London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee, Susan Hall AM, presented the Committee's response to the Mayor of London's GLA Group Budget Proposals and Precepts 2020-21 Consultation Document.
- 3.4 A copy of the statement by the Chairman of the London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee is attached at **Appendix 2**.

Questions to the Mayor on his Draft 2020-21 Consolidated Budget Proposals (Item 3c)

3.5 The Chair explained that, in accordance with section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, she had agreed to admit to the agenda a supplementary paper in relation to the Mayor's budget proposals as an urgent item of business. This was on the grounds that it related to the police settlement for 2020/21, which had been published after the agenda for the meeting and was required to be considered as part of the Mayor's Draft Consolidated Budget 2020/21.

Assembly Members put questions to the Mayor on each of the seven component budgets set out within the draft Consolidated Budget proposals.

3.6 David Bellamy, Chief of Staff, and Martin Clarke, Executive Director of Resources, were also in attendance for the duration of the question and answer session.

3.7 The record of the questions put by Members, together with the Mayor's answers, is attached at **Appendix 3**.

3.8 The Deputy Chairman assumed the Chair from 10.45am to 11.01am for the duration of questioning from the Chair, Jennette Arnold OBE AM.

3.9 During the course of the discussion the Mayor undertook to:

- Commission a report into the outcome of the increased support, in relation to special educational needs and disabilities teaching, and share the report with the Assembly;
- Investigate the provision of funding basic digital skills, through the Adult Education Budget, for adult Londoners aged 50 and above;
- Provide details of the amount of funding allocated to the new rough sleeping initiatives in the previous year which came from Government funding and the amount from GLA resources;
- Provide the number of restarted homes in 2018/2019;
- Provide details of the amount of earmarked reserves to be drawn down to smooth police officer numbers in the medium-term;
- Provide details of the proportion of MOPAC reserves that would be used for updating "outdated technology" currently used by police officers;
- Provide details of when the Metropolitan Police Service Senior Management Board would be making a decision on whether to continue with the sale of specific police stations and police estates;
- Write to Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM regarding the future operation of Wimbledon Police Station; and

- Investigate the possibility of conducting a survey of the impact on air quality on both sides of Hammersmith Bridge resulting from closure of the bridge.

4 Consideration by the London Assembly of the Mayor of London's Draft Consolidated Budget Proposals 2020-21 (Item 4)

- 4.1 At 12.22pm, the Chair adjourned the meeting until 1.30pm. The meeting reconvened at 1.33pm.
- 4.2 The substantive motion before the Assembly was: " To approve the draft Consolidated Budget of 2020-21, together with the draft component budgets comprised within it, with or without amendment."
- 4.3 A formal budget amendment was moved by Susan Hall AM and seconded by Andrew Boff AM (and is attached at **Appendix 4**).
- 4.4 A formal budget amendment was moved by Caroline Russell AM and seconded by Siân Berry AM (and is attached at **Appendix 5**).
- 4.5 The Assembly then turned to debate the Mayor's draft Consolidated Budget 2020-21 and the two formal budget amendments.
- 4.6 Following debate and upon being put to the vote:

The formal budget amendment proposed by Susan Hall AM was declared lost (with 7 votes being cast in favour and 15 votes being cast against).

- 4.7 A named vote was requested under the provisions of Standing Order 6.7 in relation to the Budget Amendment in the name of Caroline Russell AM. The votes were cast as follows:

For the amendment: Siân Berry AM; Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM; and Caroline Russell AM.

Against the amendment: Shaun Bailey AM, Andrew Boff AM, Léonie Cooper AM, Tom Copley AM, Unmesh Desai AM, Tony Devenish AM, Andrew Dismore AM, Len Duvall AM, Florence Eshalomi MP AM, Nicky Gavron AM, Susan Hall AM, David Kurten AM, Joanne McCartney AM, Steve O'Connell AM, Keith Prince AM, Dr Onkar Sahota AM, Navin Shah AM, Fiona Twycross AM, Tony Arbour AM (Deputy Chairman), and Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Chair).

The formal budget amendment proposed by Caroline Russell AM was declared lost (with 3 votes being cast in favour and 20 votes being cast against).

- 4.8 A budget related motion was moved by Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM and seconded by Siân Berry AM (and is attached at **Appendix 6**).

- 4.9 Following debate, a named vote on the budget related motion in the name of Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM was requested under the provisions of Standing Order 6.7. The votes were cast as follows:

For the motion: Siân Berry AM, Andrew Boff AM, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, and Caroline Russell AM.

Against the motion: Shaun Bailey AM, Léonie Cooper AM, Tom Copley AM, Unmesh Desai AM, Andrew Dismore AM, Len Duvall AM, Florence Eshalomi MP AM, Nicky Gavron AM, David Kurten AM, Joanne McCartney AM, Keith Prince AM, Dr Onkar Sahota AM, Navin Shah AM, Fiona Twycross AM, Tony Arbour AM (Deputy Chairman), and Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Chair).

Abstentions: Susan Hall AM and Steve O'Connell AM.

The budget related motion proposed by Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM was declared lost (with 4 votes being cast in favour, 16 votes being cast against and 2 abstentions).

- 4.10 The Chair then moved the substantive motion, namely: **“That the Assembly approves the draft Consolidated Budget for 2020-21 together with the draft component budgets comprised within it without amendment”**.
- 4.11 **Upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion was carried (with 12 votes being cast in favour and 10 votes being cast against).**
- 4.12 The Chair stated that this concluded the Assembly's consideration of the draft Consolidated Budget for 2020-21.

5 Date of Next Meeting (Item 5)

- 5.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly was the Plenary meeting which would take place at 10.00 am on Thursday 6 February 2020 in the Chamber, City Hall.

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

- 6.1 There were no items of urgent business.

7 Close of Meeting

- 7.1 The meeting ended at 3.19 pm.

**Greater London Authority
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Chair

Date

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