

Minutes: London Assembly

10am Friday 18 June 2004

City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA

Present

Brian Coleman (Chair)	Elizabeth Howlett
Sally Hamwee (Deputy Chair)	Peter Hulme Cross
Tony Arbour	Darren Johnson
Jennette Arnold	Jenny Jones
Richard Barnes	Joanne McCartney
John Biggs	Bob Neill
Bob Blackman	Andrew Pelling
Angie Bray	Murad Qureshi
Dee Doocey	Val Shawcross
Len Duvall	Graham Tope
Roger Evans	Mike Tuffrey
Lynne Featherstone	
Nicky Gavron	
Damian Hockney	

(With Sally Hamwee in the Chair)

The Chair formally opened the meeting and informed the Assembly that some Members were stuck in one of the lifts and proposed that the Assembly adjourn for 10 minutes to allow those Members time to be present at the meeting. **The Assembly agreed to adjourn for 10 minutes.**

The Assembly reconvened with all members present at 10.21am

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. RESULTS OF 2004 GLA ELECTIONS (Item 3 on the agenda)

The Assembly received and noted a report of the Chief Executive on the results of the elections for the Mayor and the London Assembly.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (Item 2 on the agenda)

The list of details of the membership of Functional Bodies and London Boroughs was noted subject to the addition of John Biggs' membership of the LDA. **(Appendix A)**.

(With the Chief Executive in the Chair)

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE LONDON ASSEMBLY

Chair of the London Assembly

Brian Coleman was proposed by Bob Neill and seconded by Angie Bray. There being no other nominations it was:

Resolved:-

That Brian Coleman be appointed Chair of the London Assembly until the next Annual meeting of the Assembly.

(The following Members asked that their dissent to this decision be recorded: Len Duvall, Jennette Arnold, John Biggs, Joanne McCartney, Murad Qureshi, Val Shawcross and Nicky Gavron.)

(With Brian Coleman in the Chair)

Deputy Chair of the London Assembly

Sally Hamwee was proposed by Graham Tope and seconded by Lynne Featherstone. There being no other nominations it was:

Resolved:-

That Sally Hamwee be appointed Deputy Chair of the London Assembly until the next Annual meeting of the Assembly.

The Chair then proposed the following motion which was agreed unanimously:

That the London Assembly places on record its gratitude to Baroness Hamwee for the efficient way in which she has chaired the Assembly since February 2003.

The Chair then proposed the following motion which was also agreed unanimously:

(a) That the London Assembly place on record its gratitude to the following former members for their contributions to the Assembly:

- Ms Meg Hillier
- Mr Noel Lynch
- Lord Harris of Haringey
- Ms Diana Johnson
- Councillor Eric Ollerenshaw OBE
- Ms Samantha Heath
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(b) That the Chair of the Assembly be instructed to write to them expressing appreciation of their contribution to London Government.

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSEMBLY PARTY GROUPS FOLLOWING THE 2004 GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ELECTIONS

The Assembly received and noted a tabled report which detailed the following party groups that had been established in accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, Part III, Regulation 8 (1) to (5).

Under Regulation 8, the Chief Executive had been formally notified of the following Groups and Party Leaders:

Conservative Group (9 Members): Assembly Member

Leader	Bob Neill
Deputy Leader	Angie Bray
Members:	Tony Arbour Richard Barnes Bob Blackman Brian Coleman Roger Evans Elizabeth Howlett Andrew Pelling

Green Group (2 Members):

Leader	Jenny Jones
Deputy Leader	Darren Johnson

Labour Group (7 Members):

Leader	Len Duvall
Deputy Leader	Jennette Arnold

Members: John Biggs
Nicky Gavron
Joanne McCartney
Murad Qureshi
Valerie Shawcross

Liberal Democrat Group (5 Members):

Leader Graham Tope

Members: Dee Doocey
Lynne Featherstone
Sally Hamwee
Mike Tuffrey

UK Independence Party (2 Members):

Leader Damian Hockney

Deputy Leader Peter Hulme Cross

6. ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

The Assembly received a report of the Chief Executive and a tabled report on green paper detailing proposed Committees and their terms of reference.

Bob Neill proposed the establishment of the following Committees with Terms of Reference as set out in the tabled report (attached as Appendix B)

Resolved:-

(a) That the following Committees be established with Terms of Reference set out in the tabled report (attached as Appendix B)

Budget Committee – 9 Members – 3 Conservative, 2 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat, 1 Green and 1 UKIP

Transport Committee – 9 Members – 3 Conservative, 2 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat, 1 Green and 1 UKIP

Business Management and Appointments Committee – 9 Members – 3 Conservative, 2 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat, 1 Green and 1 UKIP

Environment Committee – 9 Members – 3 Conservative, 2 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat, 1 Green and 1 UKIP

Standards Committee – 10 Members – 2 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Green, 1 UKIP, The Mayor and 3 independent members.

Audit Panel – 5 Members – 1 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Green and 1 UKIP

(b) That further discussions take place between the 5 party groups at the earliest opportunity on the Assembly’s Committee Structure for 2004/5 and a further report be submitted to a future meeting.

7. DATES OF MEETINGS

Resolved:-

(a) To agree the following dates for meetings:

Assembly Plenary - 21 July 2004 at 10.00am

Mayor’s Question Time - 24 June 2004 at 10.00am; 15 July 2004 at 10.00am

Standards Committee - 15 July 2004 at 2.00pm

BMAC 23 June 2004 at 2.00pm; 7 July 2004 at 2.00pm; 21 July 2004 at 2.00pm

Audit Panel - 13 July 2004 at 2.00pm

(b) That the Director of Secretariat consult with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the other Committees that had been established, to draw up a timetable of meetings.

8. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

The following appointments were made:

Audit Panel	
Membership	
Party	Name
(Cons)	Richard Barnes
(Green)	No nomination
(Lab)	Val Shawcross
(Lib Dem)	
(UKIP)	Peter Hulme Cross

Substitutes:

for Conservative Party Members – Tony Arbour, Bob Blackman, Angie Bray, Brian Coleman, Roger Evans, Elizabeth Howlett, Bob Neill and Andrew Pelling.
 for Labour Party Members – Jennette Arnold, John Biggs, Len Duvall, Nicky Gavron, Joanne McCartney and Murad Qureshi.
 for UKIP Member Damian Hockney

Budget Committee

Membership	
Party	Name
(Cons)	Andrew Pelling
(Cons)	Bob Blackman
(Cons)	Bob Neill
(Green)	Jenny Jones
(Lab)	John Biggs
(Lab)	Joanne McCartney
(Lib Dem)	Sally Hamwee
(Lib Dem)	
UKIP	Damian Hockney

Substitutes:

for Conservative Party Members – Tony Arbour, Richard Barnes, Angie Bray, Brian Coleman, Roger Evans and Elizabeth Howlett
 for Labour Party Members – Jennette Arnold, Len Duvall, Nicky Gavron, Murad Qureshi and Valerie Shawcross.
 for Liberal Democrat Members – Dee Doocey, Lynne Featherstone, Graham Tope and Mike Tuffrey.
 for Green Party Members – Darren Johnson
 For UKIP Member - Peter Hulme Cross

Business Management and Appointments Committee

Membership	
Party	Name
(Cons)	Brian Coleman
(Cons)	Angie Bray
(Cons)	Bob Neill
(Green)	Jenny Jones
(Lab)	Jennette Arnold
(Lab)	Len Duvall
(Lib Dem)	Sally Hamwee
(Lib Dem)	Graham Tope

(UKIP)	Damian Hockney
<p>Substitutes: for Conservative Party Members – Tony Arbour, Richard Barnes, Bob Blackman, Roger Evans, Elizabeth Howlett, and Andrew Pelling. for Labour Party Members – John Biggs, Nicky Gavron, Joanne McCartney, Murad Qureshi and Valerie Shawcross. for Liberal Democrat Members – Dee Doocey, Lynne Featherstone and Mike Tuffrey. for Green Party Member – Darren Johnson. for UKIP Member Peter Hulme Cross</p>	

Environment Committee

Membership	
Party	Name
(Cons)	Roger Evans
(Cons)	
(Cons)	
(Green)	Darren Johnson
(Lab)	Murad Qureshi
(Lab)	Valerie Shawcross
(Lib Dem)	
(UKIP)	Peter Hulme Cross

Substitutes:
for Conservative Party Members – Tony Arbour, Richard Barnes, Bob Blackman, Angie Bray, Brian Coleman, Roger Evans, Elizabeth Howlett, Bob Neill and Andrew Pelling.
for Labour Party Members – Jennette Arnold, John Biggs, Len Duvall, Nicky Gavron and Joanne McCartney.
for Green Party Members – Jenny Jones.
for UKIP Member Damian Hockney

Standards Committee	
Membership	
Party	Name
(Cons)	Tony Arbour
(Cons)	Elizabeth Howlett
(Green)	No Nomination
(Lab)	Len Duvall
(Lib Dem)	
(UKIP)	Damian Hockney
Independent Members	Prof. Malcolm Grant Suzanne Davison Jean Weir
The Mayor	Ken Livingstone

Substitutes:

for Conservative Party Members – Richard Barnes, Bob Blackman, Angie Bray, Brian Coleman, Roger Evans, Bob Neill and Andrew Pelling.
 for Labour Party Members – Jennette Arnold, John Biggs, Joanne McCartney, Nicky Gavron, Murad Qureshi and Valerie Shawcross.
 For UKIP Member Peter Hulme Cross

Transport Committee

Membership	
Party	Name
(Cons)	Roger Evans
(Cons)	Angie Bray
(Cons)	Elizabeth Howlett
(Green)	Darren Johnson
(Lab)	Murad Qureshi
(Lab)	John Biggs
(Lib Dem)	Lynne Featherstone
(Lib Dem)	
(UKIP)	Peter Hulme Cross

Substitutes:

for Conservative Party Members – Tony Arbour, Bob Blackman, Brian Coleman, Bob Neill and Andrew Pelling.
 for Labour Party Members – Jennette Arnold, Len Duvall, Nicky Gavron, Joanne McCartney and Valerie Shawcross.
 for Liberal Democrat Members – Dee Doocey, Sally Hamwee, Graham Tope and Mike Tuffrey.
 for Green Party Member – Jenny Jones
 for UKIP Member Damian Hockney

9. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

Chairs and Deputy Chairs were appointed as follows:

Budget Committee – Andrew Pelling appointed Chair and Sally Hamwee appointed Deputy Chair until the date of the next annual meeting of the Assembly.

Business Management and Appointments Committee - Sally Hamwee appointed Chair and Brian Coleman appointed Deputy Chair until the date of the next annual meeting of the Assembly.

Environment Committee – Darren Johnson was appointed as Chair until the date of the next annual meeting of the Assembly. The appointment of a Deputy Chair was deferred to a future meeting.

Transport Committee - Lynne Featherstone was appointed as Chair and Roger Evans was appointed Deputy Chair until the date of the next annual meeting of the Assembly.

Standards Committee – The appointment of a Chair and Deputy Chair was deferred to a future meeting.

Audit Panel – The appointment of a Chair and Deputy Chair was deferred to a future meeting.

10. DEPUTY MAYOR

Noted that the Mayor had appointed Nicky Gavron as the Deputy Mayor.

11. FUNCTIONAL BODIES: MEMBERSHIPS

The Chair advised the meeting that he had just been informed of a list of appointments made by the Mayor to the MPA and LFEPA though there were still a number of vacancies to be filled. This list would be circulated to Members.

12. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following appointments were made until the date of the next GLA elections:

The Advisory Board of the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) – Sally Hamwee

The Commission for Racial Equality (CRE) London Board – Joanne McCartney, Andrew Pelling and Lynne Featherstone

Local Government Regional Forum – Bob Neill and Damian Hockney

London Health Commission – There were 2 nominations for the appointment, Elizabeth Howlett and Val Shawcross. On the appointment being put to the vote Elizabeth Howlett received the most votes and was appointed to the Commission.

London Regional Arts Council – Elizabeth Howlett and Jennette Arnold (Jennette Arnold asked that it be recorded in the minutes that membership of the London Regional Arts Council did not give any entitlement to free tickets)

13. MINUTES

The Assembly confirmed the following minutes which were outstanding from the previous term as correct records:-

17 March 2004 Assembly Plenary

31 March 2004 Mayor's Question Time

20 April 2004 Planning and Spatial Development Committee

21 April 2004 Assembly Plenary

27 April 2004 Economic and Social Development Committee

27 April 2004 Health Committee

27 April 2004 London Ambulance Review Advisory Committee

28 April 2004 Public Services Committee

28 April 2004 Mayor's Question Time

4 May 2004 Economic and Social Development Committee
12 May 2004 Culture Sport and Tourism Committee

14. ACTIONS TAKEN BY CHAIR OF ASSEMBLY UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Assembly received a report of the Director of Secretariat

Resolved:-

That the action, as detailed in the report, taken by Sally Hamwee, as Chair of the Assembly, in accordance with delegated authority, since the last meeting of the Assembly be noted.

15. LONDON ASSEMBLY – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

The Assembly noted the following three documents:

Standing Orders
Scheme of Delegation
Decision-Making Framework

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

24 June 2004 at 10.00am in the Chamber, City Hall

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

The following motion was proposed as urgent by Bob Neill and he asked the Assembly to accept it as an urgent motion in accordance with Standing Order 3(12). The Assembly agreed to accept the motion as urgent and the Chair agreed to accept it as urgent business.

Motion moved by Bob Neill and seconded by Graham Tope:

This Assembly

1. Strongly believes that the post of Home Secretary's representative upon the Metropolitan Police Authority should not be held by a party political person.
2. Deplores the Mayor's attempt to influence the appointment in the interest of a party political candidate.
3. Resolves to inform the Home Secretary that the Mayor's view on this matter is not that of the Assembly.

On the motion being put to the vote there were 18 in favour and 7 against and it was

Resolved:-

This Assembly

Strongly believes that the post of Home Secretary's representative upon the Metropolitan Police Authority should not be held by a party political person.

Deplores the Mayor's attempt to influence the appointment in the interest of a party political candidate.

Resolves to inform the Home Secretary that the Mayor's view on this matter is not that of the Assembly.

The meeting ended at 11.14 a.m.

Chair:

Date:

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