



MINUTES

APPOINTMENTS AND URGENCY COMMITTEE

DATE	Monday 7 December 2015	TIME	10.30 am
VENUE	Committee Room 1, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA		

Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of Appointments and Urgency Committee held in Committee Room 1, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA, on Monday 7 December 2015

Present:

Gareth Bacon AM (Chairman)	Councillor David Cartwright
Dr Fiona Twycross AM (Vice-Chair)	QFSM Andrew Dismore AM

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Whelton, for whom Andrew Dismore AM substituted, and from Councillor Stephen Knight AM and Darren Johnson AM.

2. Disclosures of Interests and Dispensations

Resolved: That the details of membership of the GLA, other functional bodies and London boroughs, as attached as an appendix to the agenda, be noted.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 October 2015 were agreed..

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 October 2015 were noted. These minutes were agreed at the meeting of the Authority on 2 December 2015.

4. Public Consultation on the LFEPA Budget 2016/17- FEP 2548

Report by the Commissioner.

The Commissioner introduced the report.

Following discussion, during which it was noted that there would be further discussion with lead Members in relation to the arrangements for the planned public consultation meetings and that officers would arrange for a separate meeting with Borough Commanders on this issue to which Members would be invited, the Chairman moved the motion:

That the consultation material included in Appendices 4 – 9 to the report (FEP 2548) for the public consultation on operational changes for the LFEPA Budget 2016/17 be approved and that the consultation process commences on 7 December 2015, subject to the following amendments being made to the documentation:

- (a) Acronyms to be avoided throughout the document and the Commissioner to be referred to throughout as being the "Commissioner of the London Fire Brigade";
- (b) The text of the poster (attached to the report at Appendix 8) to be amended to avoid confusion as regards the issue of the level of savings which are to be made;
- (c) The text of Option A in the consultation document (Appendix 4 to the report) referring to "impact on posts" to be amended to indicate that this option is likely to result in a reduction in a small number of posts which may result in redundancies of non-operational staff;
- (d) The figure of £1.24 given in the "Impact on balancing the budget" sections in both options given in the consultation document, and quoted elsewhere, to be corrected to refer to £1.24m;
- (e) The text throughout the documentation referring to the Authority's "preferred" option to be amended to use the language contained in the LSP5 consultation material which made clear that certain options were favoured by a majority of Members of the Authority;
- (f) The text in Option B, and the corresponding text elsewhere in the documentation, to be revised to refer to the "permanent" removal of the 13 fire appliances;
- (g) The references in Option A to the special appliances to be accompanied by a cross-reference to the glossary, and the reference to "cherry picker" in the glossary to be removed;
- (h) The fact that there would be no impact arising from the proposals contained in Option B for special appliances to be explicitly explained; and
- (i) The reference to the "one-off draw on the general reserve of £1.24(m) in 2016/17" to be removed from the text on the slide explaining Option B (as set out in Appendix 9 to the report).

The motion was seconded by Dr Fiona Twycross AM, put and agreed unanimously.

Resolved: accordingly.

5. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 11.15am

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Chairman

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