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MINUTES

## APPOINTMENTS AND URGENCY COMMITTEE

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DATE	Thursday 13 July 2017	TIME	1.00 pm
VENUE	Committee Room 1, City Hall, The Queens Walk, London, SE1 2AA		

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Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of Appointments and Urgency Committee held in Committee Room 1, City Hall, The Queens Walk, London, SE1 2AA, on Thursday 13 July 2017.

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### Present:

Dr Fiona Twycross AM (Chair)      Gareth Bacon AM  
Councillor Martin Whelton      Andrew Dismore AM  
(Vice-Chair)

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

### 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. Grenfell Tower Inquiry - Proposed Terms of Reference (FEP 2747)

3.1 The Committee received the Commissioner's report.

3.2 During the discussion, it was suggested by a Member that the draft LFEPA response to the Chair of the Public Inquiry, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, should be further developed to include reference(s) to:

- a) A review of London Safety Plan 2017 and the current level of resources available to the London Fire Brigade in light of the Grenfell Tower fire, to ensure that sufficient resources are either available or made available if possible;
- b) The issue of the environs of flats in tall buildings, not only the flats themselves; and
- c) The need for the Public Inquiry to have powers of compulsion in relation to witnesses and evidence, the need for the Inquiry to be established in a form that allows the Lord Chancellor to issue directions, and the need for the Inquiry to have support from technical assessors.

3.3 Following discussion, the Chair moved the motion –

That:

- a) Noting the points made by Members on the proposed draft submission set out at Appendix 2 to the report, the Commissioner be given delegated authority to submit a final response to the Chair of the Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry following consultation with Members of this Committee; and
- b) Further meetings of this Committee be convened as necessary, to consider issues arising for the Authority during the proceedings of the Public Inquiry.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Whelton, put and agreed unanimously.

**Resolved** – accordingly.

#### **4. Proposed Working Group on the London Plan**

##### **4.1** Following discussion, the Chair moved the motion –

That the Commissioner be asked to present proposals to the next meeting of the Authority's Strategy Committee for the establishment of, and work programme for (to include reference to the GLA's timetable for the process of updating the current London Plan), a London Plan Working Group. The Working Group is to focus on, amongst other priority areas, the issue of fire safety in residential developments including tall buildings.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Whelton, put and agreed unanimously.

**Resolved** – accordingly.

#### **5. Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

#### **6. Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Resolved** – That in accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it would be likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

#### **7. Urgent Exempt Business – Donation to the Brigade**

The Chair confirmed that, in accordance with section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, she had agreed to include this item on the agenda for this meeting as urgent exempt business, on the grounds that it required consideration by the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

The Commissioner then provided an update to the Committee on the matter of a potential donation to the London Fire Brigade by an external organisation.

Following discussion, the Chair moved the motion –

That the report be noted.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Whelton, put and agreed unanimously.

**Resolved** – accordingly.

The meeting ended at 1.31 pm

Signed By: .....  
Chair

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