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MINUTES OF THE CONSTITUTION WORKING PARTY

Monday, 21 March 2016 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Kevin Bonavia, John Coughlin, Brenda Dacres, Alan Hall, Gareth Siddorn and James-J Walsh.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Obajimi Adefiranye.

36. Minutes

The Chair remarked in respect of minute 4 that the words 'until the AGM in 2016' were likely to be removed when the Working Party considered an item on the Broadway Theatre Working group later in the agenda.

The Chair further raised a call for a review of appointments of directors to the Catford Regeneration Partnership Ltd company. The Head of Law said a report could be considered by the Working Party after the completion of the European Referendum.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on June 10 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

37. Declarations of Interest

None were made.

38. Options for the Public Transport Liaison Committee

Four options for the consideration of the Working Party were presented by the Interim Scrutiny Manager.

The Chair reported he had discussed the options with the Chair of the Sustainable Development Committee and concluded options that did not sustain the valuable public transport liaison function could not be recommended. He said an opportunity now existed to formalise support arrangements and provide a direct link between scrutiny, the executive, TfL and transport providers.

The Chair suggested a recommendation to Council of Option B, modified to include membership on the liaison committee of the Chair and Vice-Chair of Sustainable Development Committee and the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport.

The Working Party agreed the Terms of Reference should be as set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report. The Chair added that the impact on the wider balance of responsibilities between Select Committees needed to be reviewed and the Interim Head of Scrutiny should draw up a short report for consideration at the next meeting of the Working Party.

RESOLVED that

(1) the Council be recommended to approve Public Transport Liaison as a body of the Council with the terms of reference set out in paragraph 4.2;

(2) the Chair and Vice-Chair of Sustainable Development Committee and the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport be nominated as members and all other Councillors should have the right to attend and ask questions;

(3) the new committee should meet four times a year.

39. Broadway Theatre Working Group - extension to lifespan

The Chair proposed that the suggested 6 month extension of the Working Group be agreed or at such earlier time as the final report is written. The Chair of the Working Group, Councillor Walsh, said he fully endorsed this proposal.

RESOLVED that the Broadway Theatre Working Group be extended for six months or such earlier time as a final report is agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.