



City of Westminster

Minutes

Meeting:

Urgency Committee of the Cabinet (1/2006)

Date of meeting:

Monday 6 February 2006 at 6.30pm

Attendees:

Councillors

Sir Simon Milton (Chairman)

Colin Barrow

Robert Davis

Apologies:

None

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1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 1.1 None declared.

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2004 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. RESPONSE TO ODPM CONSULTATION PAPER “THE GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY: THE GOVERNMENT’S PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY” (item 3 – Report of Director of Policy and Communications)

- 3.1 The Director of Policy and Communications introduced the report arising from the ODPM’s announcement last September that they were intending to carry out a review of the GLA’s and Mayor’s powers and in respect of which they had published a consultation document asking for views on options and proposals in four key policy areas: housing; learning and skills; planning and waste. The ODPM also sought views on a range of other issues and posed questions with regard to enhancing the role of the London Assembly.
- 3.2 The report attached a draft response to the consultation which, in addition to setting out detailed comments on the questions posed, also raised a number of further matters which it was considered important to be raised with the ODPM covering how the GLA consults with London Boroughs and the need for greater transparency in the Mayor’s precept. The response was discussed and Members proposed various revisions. The Director of Policy and Communications undertook to review the draft response in the light of the comments made.
- 3.3 **RESOLVED:** That the detailed response set out in Annex A to the report be approved for submission to the ODPM by the consultation deadline of 22 February, subject to the Director of Policy and Communications amending this, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, in order to take account of the Committee’s comments.

Reason for Decision

To communicate the City Council’s views in response to the ODPMs Consultation Paper.

4. END OF MEETING

- 4.1 The meeting ended at 6.46pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: