

# AGENDA

**Meeting: Budget and Performance Committee**

**Date: Tuesday 9 January 2024**

**Time: 10.00 am**

**Place: Chamber, City Hall,  
Kamal Chunchie Way, London, E16 1ZE**

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Peter Fortune AM

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Nick Rogers AM

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Len Duvall AM

A meeting of the Committee has been called by the Chairman of the Committee to deal with the business listed below.

Proper Officer: Mary Harpley, Chief Officer  
Friday 29 December 2023

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## **Agenda**

### **Budget and Performance Committee**

**Tuesday 9 January 2024**

#### **1 Apologies for Absence and Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any apologies for absence and any announcements from the Chairman.

#### **2 Declarations of Interests (Pages 1 - 4)**

Report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat

Contact: Paul Goodchild, paul.goodchild@london.gov.uk

**The Committee is recommended to:**

- (a) Note the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, as disclosable pecuniary interests;**
- (b) Note the declaration by any Member(s) of any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and the necessary action taken by the Member(s) regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s); and**
- (c) Note the declaration by any Member(s) of any other interests deemed to be relevant (including any interests arising from gifts and hospitality received which are not at the time of the meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality, and noting also the advice from the GLA's Monitoring Officer set out at Agenda Item 2) and to note any necessary action taken by the Member(s) following such declaration(s).**

#### **3 The 2024-25 GLA Group Budget (Pages 5 - 8)**

Report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat

Contact: Gino Brand, gino.brand@london.gov.uk

**The Committee is recommended to:**

- (a) Note the report as background to putting questions to invited guests and note the subsequent discussion; and**
- (b) Delegate authority to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the meeting.**

#### **4 Summary List of Actions (Pages 9 - 14)**

Report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat

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**The Committee is recommended to note the ongoing actions arising from previous meetings.**

#### **5 Budget and Performance Committee Work Programme (Pages 15 - 16)**

Report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat

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**The Committee is recommended to note its work programme and meeting dates.**

#### **6 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee is provisionally scheduled for 20 February 2024 at 2.00pm in the Chamber, City Hall.

#### **7 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent**

# Subject: Declarations of Interests

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Budget and Performance Committee</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 January 2024</b>
<b>Public Access:</b>	<b>This report will be considered in public</b>

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out details of offices held by Assembly Members for noting as disclosable pecuniary interests and requires additional relevant declarations relating to disclosable pecuniary interests, and gifts and hospitality to be made.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table below, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests;**
- 2.2 **That the declaration by any Member(s) of any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and the necessary action taken by the Member(s) regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s) be noted; and**
- 2.3 **That the declaration by any Member(s) of any other interests deemed to be relevant (including any interests arising from gifts and hospitality received which are not at the time of the meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality, and noting also the advice from the GLA's Monitoring Officer set out at below) and any necessary action taken by the Member(s) following such declaration(s) be noted.**

## 3. Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 The Monitoring Officer advises that: Paragraph 10 of the Code of Conduct will only preclude a Member from participating in any matter to be considered or being considered at, for example, a meeting of the Assembly, where the Member has a direct Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in that particular matter. The effect of this is that the 'matter to be considered, or being considered' must be about the Member's interest. So, by way of example, if an Assembly Member is also a councillor

of London Borough X, that Assembly Member will be precluded from participating in an Assembly meeting where the Assembly is to consider a matter about the Member's role / employment as a councillor of London Borough X; the Member will not be precluded from participating in a meeting where the Assembly is to consider a matter about an activity or decision of London Borough X.

3.2 Relevant offices held by Assembly Members are listed in the table below:

### Assembly Member Interests

<b>Member</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Marina Ahmad AM	
Lord Bailey of Paddington AM	Member, House of Lords
Elly Baker AM	
Siân Berry AM	
Emma Best AM	Member, London Borough of Waltham Forest
Andrew Boff AM	Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe)
Hina Bokhari AM	Member, London Borough of Merton
Anne Clarke AM	Member, London Borough of Barnet
Léonie Cooper AM	Member, London Borough of Wandsworth
Unmesh Desai AM	
Tony Devenish AM	Member, City of Westminster
Len Duvall AM	
Peter Fortune AM	
Neil Garratt AM	Member, London Borough of Sutton
Susan Hall AM	Member, London Borough of Harrow
Krupesh Hirani AM	
Joanne McCartney AM	Deputy Mayor
Sem Moema AM	Member, London Borough of Hackney
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM	
Zack Polanski AM	
Keith Prince AM	Member, London Borough of Havering
Nick Rogers AM	
Caroline Russell AM	Member, London Borough of Islington
Dr Onkar Sahota AM	Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe)
Sakina Sheikh AM	Member, London Borough of Lewisham

3.3 Paragraph 10 of the GLA's Code of Conduct, which reflects the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011, provides that:

- where an Assembly Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered or being considered or at
  - (i) a meeting of the Assembly and any of its committees or sub-committees; or
  - (ii) any formal meeting held by the Mayor in connection with the exercise of the Authority's functions
- they must disclose that interest to the meeting (or, if it is a sensitive interest, disclose the fact that they have a sensitive interest to the meeting); and
- must not (i) participate, or participate any further, in any discussion of the matter at the meeting; or (ii) participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on the matter at the meeting

UNLESS

- they have obtained a dispensation from the GLA's Monitoring Officer (in accordance with section 2 of the Procedure for registration and declarations of interests, gifts and hospitality – Appendix 5 to the Code).

3.4 Failure to comply with the above requirements, without reasonable excuse, is a criminal offence; as is knowingly or recklessly providing information about your interests that is false or misleading.

3.5 In addition, the Monitoring Officer has advised Assembly Members to continue to apply the test that was previously applied to help determine whether a pecuniary / prejudicial interest was arising - namely, that Members rely on a reasonable estimation of whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, could, with justification, regard the matter as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.

3.6 Members should then exercise their judgement as to whether or not, in view of their interests and the interests of others close to them, they should participate in any given discussions and/or decisions business of within and by the GLA. It remains the responsibility of individual Members to make further declarations about their actual or apparent interests at formal meetings noting also that a Member's failure to disclose relevant interest(s) has become a potential criminal offence.

3.7 Members are also required, where considering a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom they have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £50 within the previous three years or from the date of election to the London Assembly, whichever is the later, to disclose the existence and nature of that interest at any meeting of the Authority which they attend at which that business is considered.

3.8 The obligation to declare any gift or hospitality at a meeting is discharged, subject to the proviso set out below, by registering gifts and hospitality received on the Authority's on-line database. The [gifts and hospitality database](#) may be viewed online.

- 3.9 If any gift or hospitality received by a Member is not set out on the online database at the time of the meeting, and under consideration is a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom a Member has received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £50, Members are asked to disclose these at the meeting, either at the declarations of interest agenda item or when the interest becomes apparent.
- 3.10 It is for Members to decide, in light of the particular circumstances, whether their receipt of a gift or hospitality, could, on a reasonable estimation of a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, with justification, be regarded as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest. Where receipt of a gift or hospitality could be so regarded, the Member must exercise their judgement as to whether or not, they should participate in any given discussions and/or decisions business of within and by the GLA.

#### **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 The legal implications are as set out in the body of this report.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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#### **List of appendices to this report:**

None

#### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

List of Background Papers: None

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# Subject: The 2024-25 GLA Group Budget

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Budget and Performance Committee</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 January 2024</b>
<b>Public Access:</b>	<b>This report will be considered in public</b>

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out background information in relation to Budget and Performance Committee questions to the Mayor on his draft 2024-25 Budget proposals. There will also be a discussion with external experts to gain an understanding of the opportunities in the Mayor's 2024-25 Budget.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report as background to putting questions to invited guests and notes the subsequent discussion.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the meeting.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The Budget and Performance Committee's key responsibility is its annual scrutiny of the Mayor's budget proposals for the next financial year. This involves detailed examination of the Mayor's plans for spending his budget to help ensure taxpayers' money is spent appropriately and effectively.

## **The annual budget setting process**

- 3.2 Each summer, the Mayor publishes Budget Guidance to the functional bodies on the preparation of their budgets. This contains information about the likely level of funding available for the next financial year as well as the Mayor's priorities for each organisation. Each organisation within the Greater London Authority (GLA) family makes its own Budget Submission at the end of November and in December, the Mayor publishes his draft Group Budget.
- 3.3 The Committee produces a formal response to the Mayor's draft budget, which informs the full Assembly's debate and vote on the Mayor's proposals in February 2024. The Assembly has the power to amend the total budget requirement for each functional body if a two-thirds majority agree to do so. The Mayor then publishes his final Budget before the start of the financial year in April.
- 3.4 This is the seventh session in the Budget scrutiny process, after a meeting on 21 November 2023, where questions were put to GLA Executive Directors, the Chief Officer and the Mayor's Chief of Staff about the core GLA budget; and a meeting on 12 December 2023 with officers from the GLA, Transport for London (TfL), the London Legacy Development Corporation and the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation on housing plans for the 2024-25 GLA Group Budget.
- 3.5 On 13 December 2023 the Committee met with GLA officers to discuss the 2024-25 GLA Group budget. On 19 December 2023 the Committee met with the Deputy Mayor for Transport and officers from TfL. On 8 January 2024 there was a meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Police and Crime, the Deputy Mayor of Fire and Resilience and officers from the Metropolitan Police Service, Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and London Fire Brigade.
- 3.6 The Committee will meet with the Mayor again on 20 February 2024 in advance of meetings of the whole of the Assembly to consider the Mayor's Draft Consolidated 2024-25 Budget and the Mayor's Final Draft Consolidated Budget.

## **4. Issues for Consideration**

- 4.1 This session will consider the 2024-25 GLA Group Budget.
- 4.2 The following guests have been invited to attend:

### **Panel 1**

- Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London;
- David Bellamy, the Mayor's Chief of Staff; and
- Enver Enver, Interim Chief Finance Officer, GLA.

### **Panel 2**

- Antonia Jennings, Chief Executive, Centre for London;
- Professor Tony Travers, Visiting Professor, London School of Economics (LSE) Department of Government and Director of LSE London;
- Professor Jagjit S. Chadha, Director, National Institute for Economic and Social Research; and
- Stuart Hoggan, Associate Consultant, LG Futures.

## **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1 There are no direct financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

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### **List of appendices to this report:**

None

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

List of Background Papers:

None

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# Subject: Summary List of Actions

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Budget and Performance Committee</b>
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<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 January 2024</b>
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## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report updates the Committee on the progress made on actions arising from previous meetings of the Budget and Performance Committee.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the ongoing actions arising from previous meetings.**

### 3. Summary List of Actions

#### Actions Arising from the Meeting held on 30 October 2023

Item No.:	Item Title	Responsible Person	Action(s)	Status
4	<b>The Mayor's 2024-25 Budget – The External View</b>	Chief Executive, Centre for London	To provide the Committee with a copy of Centre for London's latest housing report <i>Homes Fit for Londoners: London's Homes Today</i> .	Ongoing. This information was requested on 3 November 2023.
4	<b>The Mayor's 2024-25 Budget – The External View</b>	All guests	To provide detail on any additional tools or metrics that could be adopted to more effectively measure the impact and benefits of the Greater London Authority's (GLA's) policies and programmes.	Ongoing. This information was requested on 3 November 2023.
4	<b>The Mayor's 2024-25 Budget – The External View</b>	Senior Policy Adviser	That authority be delegated to the Chairman in consultation with the Deputy Chair, and party Group Lead Members to agree any output from the discussion.	Ongoing.

### Actions Arising from the Meeting held on 21 September 2023

Item No.:	Item Title	Responsible Person	Action(s)	Status
5	<b>Climate Budgeting, The Green Finance Fund and the Mayor's 2024/25 Budget Guidance</b>	Professor of Climate and Energy Policy, Director, University of Manchester	To provide examples of cities where there was good practice in connecting with citizens on climate budgeting issues.	Ongoing - followed up on 4 December 2023.
5	<b>Climate Budgeting, The Green Finance Fund and the Mayor's 2024/25 Budget Guidance</b>	Senior Policy Adviser	That authority be delegated to the Chairman in consultation with the Deputy Chair, and party Group Lead Members to agree any output from the discussion.	Ongoing.

### Actions Arising from the Meeting held on 12 July 2023

Item No.:	Item Title	Responsible Person	Action(s)	Status
4	<b>2022-23 GLA Group Outturn</b>	Director of Finance, Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)	To provide the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation if below target performance regarding linked numbering scheme calls and 999 calls was linked to slippage of Command and Control spending;</li> <li>• Confirmation if the MPS had submitted a claim to the Home Office for the costs of policing the Coronation; and</li> <li>• Confirmation if the £44 million reserves had been utilised for the implementation of the rollout of Basic Command Units.</li> </ul>	Ongoing - followed up on 4 December 2023.

<b>Item No.:</b>	<b>Item Title</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Action(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
4	<b>2022-23 GLA Group Outturn</b>	Senior Policy Adviser	That authority be delegated to the Chairman in consultation with the Deputy Chair, and party Group Lead Members to agree any output from the discussion.	Ongoing.

#### **Actions Arising from the Meeting held on 21 February 2023**

<b>Item No.:</b>	<b>Item Title</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Action(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
7	<b>2023-24 Mayor's Final Draft Consolidated Budget</b>	Executive Director of Resources, GLA	During the course of the discussion, the Executive Director of Resources agreed to provide the Committee with confirmation of the total amount of funding (including revenue, capital investment, and draw down of reserves) the Mayor and the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis had agreed on for the reform of the Metropolitan Police Service.	Ongoing - followed up on 4 December 2023.



## Actions Arising from the Meeting Held on 8 December 2022

Item No.:	Item Title	Responsible Person	Action(s)	Status
4	<b>The 2023-24 GLA Group Budget – Police and Fire</b>	Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis	To provide the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Further information on the reasons that the MPS is facing difficulties in recruiting officers;</li><li>• Further information on the £7 million allocated to the lease of Palestra and catering, including what will be delivered in relation to those costs;</li><li>• Confirmation of the number of officers the MPS hopes to bring back from retirement; and</li><li>• Further details of the costs associated with the tools and systems being used to address rooting out corruption and upholding robust ethics, conduct and standards within the MPS.</li></ul>	Ongoing - followed up on 4 December 2023.

### 4. Legal Implications

4.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

### 5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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### List of appendices to this report:

None.

### Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers:

None

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# Subject: Budget and Performance Committee Work Programme

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Budget and Performance Committee</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 January 2024</b>
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## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of the proposed work for the meetings of the Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 Assembly year.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme and meeting dates.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee receives a report monitoring the progress of its work programme at each meeting.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 During 2023/24 the Committee will scrutinise the proposals for the 2024/25 Budget for the Greater London Authority (GLA) Group on behalf of the London Assembly, as well as examination of specific budget and performance issues across the GLA Group.

## Schedule of Meetings

4.2 The schedule for the Budget and Performance Committee meetings is set out below:

Date	Topic
20 February 2024 <sup>1</sup>	2024/25 Budget – GLA Group
4 March 2024	Manifesto Commitments

## 5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

## 6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

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