

Subject: GLA Oversight Committee Work Programme

Report to:	GLA Oversight Committee
Report of:	Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat
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1. Summary

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

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The GLA Oversight Committee has the following overall functions:
- Management and administration of the budget of the Assembly and Secretariat, and overseeing the Assembly's scrutiny work programme;
 - Having oversight, on behalf of the London Assembly, of the Greater London Authority's (GLA) corporate governance policies and activities;
 - Maintaining a watching brief in respect of the activities of the senior officers appointed by the Mayor; and
 - Responding to consultations from the Head of Paid Service (HoPS) and scrutinising the HoPS function.

- 3.2 It was agreed at the Assembly's Annual Meeting of 11 May 2012 that the GLA Oversight Committee's terms of reference include provision to scrutinise any actions or decisions taken by the Mayor on matters relating to education. The Committee can also scrutinise civil contingency arrangements in London, the provision of services to the public and the performance of utilities in London.
- 3.3 On 6 June 2019, the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting agreed a new standing delegation to Chairs of ordinary committees and sub-committees and working groups to agree, in consultation with relevant party Lead Group Members and Deputy Chairs, that:
- (a) *The detailed terms of reference for any investigation to be undertaken by the relevant committee, sub-committee or working group within its work programme as agreed by the GLA Oversight Committee, and any related project plans and arrangements for related site visits or informal meetings; and*
 - (b) *The topic and scope for any additional projects to be added to its work programme, where it is not practicable to secure prior approval from the GLA Oversight Committee and subject also to subsequent ratification by the GLA Oversight Committee.*

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The main work areas of the Committee are summarised below.

Assembly Budget and Scrutiny Work Programme

- 4.2 The Committee allocates the Assembly's budget and receives a report in March each year on that subject (following the approval of the overall amount of the budget and in advance of the start of the financial year in question).
- 4.3 The Committee receives quarterly monitoring reports from the Secretariat.
- 4.4 The Committee approves individual proposals for non-routine expenditure from the scrutiny programme budget which are referred to the Committee by the subject-related committees during the year. The timing of these reports depends upon when the subject-related committees approve projects and refer proposals for expenditure.
- 4.5 The Committee approves proposals for rapporteurships referred from subject-related committees during the course of the year.
- 4.6 The Committee also has the power to consider any issue which does not fall into the remit of one of the subject-related committees (for instance, cross-cutting equalities and governance issues).

Staffing Consultations and Appointments

- 4.7 The Committee will be invited to respond to consultations from the HoPS (Chief Officer) from time to time during the year. The Committee's role in relation to these consultations is reactive and therefore the work programme does not predict what reports will be presented and when.

4.8 The Assembly has a role in appointing the statutory officers to the Authority, and this Committee has delegated authority to fulfil that role as and when the need arises. At its meeting on 22 May 2012, the GLA Oversight Committee agreed that the Head of Paid Service Performance Panel (renamed the Chief Officer Review Panel) be established as a working group, and this meets biannually.

Other Items of Consideration

4.9 At its meeting on 21 March 2013, the Committee asked that it be consulted formally on the annual staff pay review.

4.10 At its meeting on 25 February 2014, the Committee agreed to receive details of the progress made to address GLA workforce equalities issues, dealt with as part of the Committee’s regular Workforce Monitoring Report and update.

Scrutiny of the Chief Officer Function

4.11 The Committee usually receives reports on the following issues during the course of the year:

- Annual Workforce Monitoring Report, incorporating complaints monitoring (plus a six-monthly update);
- The Mayor’s Annual Equality Report; and
- Governance.

Additional Scrutiny Topics

Meeting Date	Meeting Topic
1 November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Officer Consultation Reports (if any) • Shared services HR/IT
23 November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Officer Consultation Reports (if any) • GLA Group Public Consultations and Engagement
14 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Officer Consultation Reports (if any) • GLA Group Public Consultations and Engagement
17 January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Officer Consultation Reports (if any) • Mayoral Advisors Q&A
28 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Officer Consultation Reports (if any) • London Recovery Board / Strategic Partnerships Unit
20 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Officer Consultation Reports (if any) • GLA Group Accommodation

5. Legal Implications

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

6. Financial Implications

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

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers:

None.

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