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Dear Jennette

MOPAC: Temporary change to the role of the GLA Head of Paid Service

I am writing on behalf of the Mayor about a temporary expansion of the role of Jeff Jacobs, Head of Paid Service. As the terms and conditions of the GLA's Head of Paid Service are jointly agreed by the Mayor and Assembly, I am writing to seek your urgent agreement to this change. Confidential discussions have been taking place with the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) which will lead to their early departure this month on agreed terms. These discussions are, as you will understand, strictly confidential in the interests of the individuals concerned.

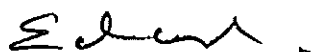
Once these discussions are complete and an announcement made, there will be an urgent need to put in interim arrangements whilst the recruitment process for a new MOPAC Chief Executive is taking place: this is in line with the staff provisions of Schedule 3 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. It is clearly crucial, particularly given the recent appointment of the new Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, that there are adequate senior management arrangements in place and some stability brought to the organisation.

The Mayor therefore proposes that Jeff Jacobs takes on the role of MOPAC Chief Executive in addition to his current GLA responsibilities on a temporary basis. This would provide cover for the role for what would hopefully be a matter of a few months. In order to achieve this, Jeff would need to delegate some of his day to day Director-level (but not HOPS) responsibilities within the GLA. He is comfortable that this proposal is workable on a temporary basis given the relative stability and experience of the senior team in the GLA.

The Mayor and Stephen Greenhalgh believe this is the most sensible and expedient way to deal with this matter. The recruitment of a new Interim Chief Executive would not provide the quick start needed here; and there are no other suitable candidates within MOPAC.

I would therefore be grateful for your urgent agreement to this proposal so that staff can be informed immediately.

I have forwarded a copy of this to Joanne McCartney.



Sir Edward Lister
Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor for Planning

cc. J McCartney