

Subject: Garden Bridge Internal Audit Review

Report to: GLA Oversight Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 22 October 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides background information to the GLA Oversight Committee in putting questions to Clive Walker, Director of Internal Audit at Transport for London (TfL).

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the report and the discussion with Clive Walker, Director of Internal Audit at TfL, be noted.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Garden Bridge is a proposed 366 metre pedestrian bridge between the areas of Temple Underground Station on the north bank of the Thames and the South Bank. The Bridge's final cost is estimated at £175 million. The construction and future maintenance of the Bridge is the responsibility of a charity, the Garden Bridge Trust. The Trust will receive £60 million in public funding (£30 million from TfL and £30 million from the Treasury), and is aiming to raise the rest through private donations
- 3.2 At its meeting on 17 September 2015, the GLA Oversight Committee discussed the procurement of the Garden Bridge's design contract with guests including Richard De Cani, Managing Director of Planning at TfL, Walter Menteth of Walter Menteth Architects and Will Hurst, Deputy Editor of Architects Journal. A full transcript of that meeting can be found at: www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/oversight

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The Garden Bridge design procurement process was the subject of an internal audit review, launched by former Transport Commissioner, Sir Peter Hendy, in June and published by TfL on 16 September 2015. Subsequent to this, concerns were raised about how the internal audit review was conducted, and the conclusions reached in the final published version of the review. This meeting will provide

Members with the opportunity to discuss how the review was conducted with Clive Walker, Director of Internal Audit at TfL.

5. Legal Implications

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

6. Financial Implications

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

List of appendices to this report: None

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List of Background Papers: None
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