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**Sir Merrick Cockell**

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Dear Sir Merrick

**Confirmation Hearings Committee – 7 September 2015, City Hall**

In accordance with Schedule 4A to the GLA Act 1999, I wrote to the Mayor following the Confirmation Hearing we held with you on 7 September 2015 to recommend that he should proceed with his appointment of you to that office. Many congratulations on your appointment.

Following on from the interesting discussion the Committee held with you, it was agreed to write to you with a summary of some of the issues discussed (a draft transcript of the discussion is enclosed with this letter). During the discussion you undertook to provide:

- An update on the progress the LPFA has made in respect of administering pensions on an equal basis to members who are in civil partnerships and those who are married (for example, whether the LPFA has different beneficiary nomination requirements for its members who are in civil partnerships compared to its members who are married).

Other issues discussed, which we would be grateful for further information on were:

- The LPFA's future investment in carbon fossil fuels and renewables and clean technologies;
- The future role of the LPFA in investing in housing infrastructure both in the public and private sectors in London; and
- The ongoing issue of ensuring that the composition of the LPFA Board is balanced in terms of the gender and ethnicity of its members.

The London Assembly's GLA Oversight Committee is responsible for scrutinising the work of the LPFA on behalf of the Assembly and therefore I would be grateful if you could address your response to Len Duvall AM, Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee (please copy me into the letter and I will ensure your response is circulated to Members of the Confirmation Hearings Committee).

If you have any amendments of a factual nature to the draft transcript please contact Teresa Young or Joanna Brown, Senior Committee Officers, on 020 7983 6559 or at [teresa.young@london.gov.uk](mailto:teresa.young@london.gov.uk) / [joanna.brown@london.gov.uk](mailto:joanna.brown@london.gov.uk). In the meantime, the transcript will be published on the GLA's website as a draft, until it is confirmed at the next appropriate meeting.

On behalf of the Confirmation Hearings Committee, I would like to wish you well in carrying out your new role as Chairman of the LPFA.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Valerie Shawcross". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Valerie Shawcross CBE AM**

Chair of the Confirmation Hearings Committee

Cc: Len Duvall AM, Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee