

Subject: GLA Corporate Governance Documents

Report to: London Assembly (Annual Meeting)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat and Executive Director of Resources

Date: 13 May 2016

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 A number of documents making up the GLA's corporate governance framework are presented to the Assembly at each Annual Meeting for consideration, decision where necessary and otherwise for noting.

2. Recommendations

The Assembly is recommended to:

- 2.1 **Agree the Scheme of Delegation of Functions of the London Assembly, as set out at Appendix 1;**
- 2.2 **Note the Mayoral Scheme of Delegation, as set out at Appendix 2; and**
- 2.3 **Confirm the standing delegation of authority to the Executive Director of Secretariat to make minor and consequential changes, arising from relevant decisions of the London Assembly and/or its committees, to the Scheme of Delegation of Functions of the London Assembly and the Assembly's Decision Making Framework.**

3. Background and Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 Various documents which together form part of the Authority's corporate governance framework are presented to the Assembly for formal approval or noting, as appropriate.

Assembly Scheme of Delegation of Functions

- 3.2 Standing Order 1.4 requires the Assembly, at its Annual Meeting, to consider the Scheme of Delegation of Functions of the London Assembly. Accordingly, this document – with no revisions proposed at this time – is attached at **Appendix 1** for approval.
- 3.3 It is also proposed that the Assembly confirm the standing delegation of authority to the Executive Director of Secretariat to make minor and consequential changes, arising from relevant decisions of the London Assembly and/or its committees, to the Scheme of Delegation of Functions of the

London Assembly and the Assembly's Decision Making Framework – for example, in order to reflect changes made to the Assembly's committee structure.

Mayoral Scheme of Delegation

- 3.4 Standing Order 1.4 also requires the Assembly to receive the Mayoral Scheme of Delegation at its Annual Meeting, for noting. The Scheme will be updated once the new administration is in place. Until then, the current version remains in force and is attached at **Appendix 2** for noting.

GLA's Standing Orders

- 3.5 There are currently no proposed changes to the GLA's Standing Orders. The current version can be found here: https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_standing_orders_-_march_2016.pdf

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 Section 36 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended) ("the GLA Act") provides that the Assembly, in consultation with the Mayor, may make Standing Orders of the Authority and the procedure of the Assembly, its committees and sub-committees shall be regulated by those Standing Orders.
- 4.2 Section 53(4) of the GLA Act provides that the Assembly may determine its own procedure and that of its committees.
- 4.3 The Standing Orders of the Authority may make provision regulating the procedure to be followed by any Member of the Assembly.
- 4.4 The Standing Orders may also make provision regulating the procedure to be followed by the Mayor or by the Assembly in discharging any functions of the Mayor or Assembly to the extent that the functions:
- consist of consultation, or any other interaction or relationship between the Mayor and the Assembly; or
 - are exercisable by the Mayor in relation to the Assembly or by the Assembly in relation to the Mayor.
- 4.5 Standing Orders of the Authority may make provision for any other matter for which provision by Standing Orders of the Authority is authorised or required by or under any provision of the GLA Act or another enactment, but are also subject to any other provisions of the GLA Act or other enactments which regulate the procedure of the Assembly or any procedure to be followed by the Mayor.
- 4.6 The Assembly has the power to decide to delegate certain functions and to adopt procedures to govern its decision-making processes. The Scheme of Delegation of Functions is in accordance with those powers.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Scheme of Delegation of Functions of the London Assembly

Appendix 2 – Scheme of Delegation of Mayoral Functions of the Greater London Authority

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None.
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