

# Subject: Notification of the Proposed Appointment of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 22 May 2012

This report will be considered in public

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report asks the Committee to decide whether to hold a Confirmation Hearing for the proposed appointment to the office of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and provides relevant information in this regard.

## 2. Recommendations

### 2.1 That the Committee decides:

- (a) **Whether to hold a confirmation hearing for the proposed appointment of Stephen Greenhalgh to the office of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime; and**
- (b) **Subject to (a) above, whether to request Stephen Greenhalgh to provide, in advance of the meeting, an updated CV and any other information in relation to the proposed appointment to the position.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The Mayor of London wrote to the Chair of the London Assembly's Police and Crime Committee on 14 May 2012 to provide formal notification – in accordance with the provisions of Section 60A and Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) – of his proposed appointment of Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh to the office of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. The letter from the Mayor is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 Section 32(5) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides that the special scrutiny functions as defined in Section 60A and Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 - which include deciding whether to hold a confirmation hearing for the proposed candidate for the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and whether or not to request the candidate to provide, in advance of the meeting, any relevant documentation - may only be exercised by a meeting of the whole Police and Crime Committee and may not be delegated to a single Assembly Member.

- 3.3 The Police and Crime Committee is therefore asked to decide whether or not to hold a Confirmation Hearing in respect of the proposed appointment of Stephen Greenhalgh and whether or not to request the candidate to provide, in advance of the meeting, any relevant documentation considered relevant to the position of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, such as a CV /or a supporting statement.
- 3.4 The Police and Crime Committee's next scheduled meeting will take place at 10am on 31 May 2012. It is therefore suggested that, if the Committee is minded to exercise the power to hold a Confirmation Hearing in this instance, it could take place at that meeting.
- 3.5 If the Committee decides to hold a Confirmation Hearing, the Authority's Head of Paid Service must give the candidate notice (at least one week before the day on which the Confirmation Hearing is to take place) requesting him to appear at the Confirmation Hearing.

## **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 In accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), the Police and Crime Committee has three weeks from the date of receipt of notification from the Mayor of his proposal to appoint a Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime within which to provide a recommendation to the Mayor on that proposed appointment.
- 4.2 The Committee may decide to hold a Confirmation Hearing before deciding the recommendation that is to be made to the Mayor.
- 4.3 The Mayor must not make any appointment to the office until the end of the confirmation process has been reached.
- 4.4 The end of the confirmation process is reached when—
- (a) the Mayor has provided notification of his acceptance or rejection of the Committee's recommendation; or
  - (b) the period of 3 weeks has expired without any recommendation being given to the Mayor by the Committee.
- 4.5 The Committee may veto the appointment of the candidate as Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime if the candidate is not a member of the London Assembly and if at least two-thirds of the votes given in making that decision are in favour of vetoing.
- 4.6 The exercise of that power of veto in relation to an appointment is not valid unless the London Assembly—
- (a) has held a confirmation meeting in relation to the appointment before the exercise of the power; and
  - (b) notifies the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime of the veto within the period of 3 weeks referred to above.
- 4.7 If the Committee vetoes the appointment of the candidate, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime must not appoint the candidate.

## 5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations set out.

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### List of appendices to this report:

**Appendix 1:** Letter from the Mayor of London to the Chair of the Police and Crime Committee dated 14 May 2012

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
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List of Background Papers: None
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