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Title: **GLA Oversight Committee responses concerning the 21 July 2020 meeting**

Executive Summary

To authorise the responses to Agenda Items 9 to 15 of the 21 July 2020 GLA Oversight Committee meeting, as set out at Appendices 1-4.

Decision

That the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, agrees the letters at appendices 1-4 to relevant officers detailing the Committee's response to Agenda Items 9 to 15 of the 21 July 2020 GLA Oversight Committee.

Assembly Member

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in the proposed decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

Signature

Date: 07/08/2020



Printed Name Len Duvall AM

Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Notes:

- 1. The Lead Officer should prepare this form for signature by relevant Members of the Assembly to record any instance where the Member proposes to take action under a specific delegated authority. The purpose of the form is to record the advice received from officers, and the decision made.
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Background and proposed next steps:

At its meeting on 21 July 2020, the Committee resolved:

"That authority be delegated to the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to respond to the business remaining on the agenda, namely Agenda Item 9 to Agenda Item 15."

Following consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, the Chair is asked to agree the letters at appendices 1-4 to relevant officers detailing the Committee's response to Agenda Items 9 to 15 of the 21 July 2020 GLA Oversight Committee.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision

Signed by Committee Services

Date 06/08/2020



Print Name: Davena Toyinbo

Tel: 07521 266519

Financial implications NOT REQUIRED

NOTE: Finance comments and signature are required only where there are financial implications arising or the potential for financial implications.

Signed by Finance

N/A

Date


Print Name

N/A

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Legal implications

The Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signed by Legal		Date	06/08/2020
Print Name	Emma Strain, Monitoring Officer	Tel:	X 4399

Supporting detail/List of Consultees:
Party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

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Part 1 – Deferral
Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred?

Until what date: N/A

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Is there a part 2 form - NO

Lead Officer/Author

Signed



Date: 06/08/2020

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Principal Committee Manager

Countersigned by
Assistant Director on
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Director



Date: 07/08/2020

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Mary Harpley
Chief Officer

Sent via email

07 August 2020

Dear Mary

GLA Oversight Committee Meeting - 21 July 2020 –Response to Agendas

At the meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee held on the 21 July 2020, the Committee resolved:

“To delegate authority to the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to respond to the business remaining on the agenda, namely Agenda Item 9 to Agenda Item 15.” as it was not possible to consider those items during the meeting, due to time constraints.

Accordingly, I now write to provide a formal response, on behalf of the GLA Oversight Committee to Agenda Items 11-15, which you were due to present to the Committee at that meeting.

Agenda Item 11 - Update on Application of HR Policies during COVID-19

The Committee was recommended to note the report and provide any comments.

The Committee notes the report and has no further comments.

Agenda Item 12 - Carers and Dependency Leave Policy

The Committee was recommended to:

- (a) Note the contents of the report; and
- (b) Respond to the Chief Officer on the proposal to introduce a new policy for employees who are carers and those with dependants, as set out at Appendix 1.

The Committee notes the report and the proposed introduction of a new Carers and Dependency Leave Policy.

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Agenda Item 13 - Workforce Report for 2019-2020

The Committee was recommended to note the contents of the report

The Committee notes the report.

Agenda Item 15 - Expansion of GLA Building Safety Team

The Committee was recommended to respond to the Chief Officer's consultation on the proposed expansion and associated changes to the GLA's Building Safety Team.

The Committee notes the proposed expansion and associated changes to the GLA's Building Safety Team and has no further comments.

If there is anything else in relation to this session which you wish to discuss please contact Davena Toyinbo, Principal Committee Manager, at davena.toyinbo@london.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



Len Duvall AM
Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee

Cc Charmaine DeSouza, Assistant Director – Human Resources and Organisational Development
Laura Heywood, HR Business Partner and HR Policy lead
Cynthia Adjei, HR Advisor (Policy)
Rickardo Hyatt, Interim Deputy Executive Director, Housing and Land

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Emma Strain
Assistant Director – External Relations

Sent via email

7 August 2020

Dear Emma

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Accordingly, I now write to provide a formal response, on behalf of the GLA Oversight Committee to Agenda Item 14, which you were due to present to the Committee at that meeting.

The Committee was recommended to:

- (a) Note the proposals for People's Question Time, as a digital event on 12 November 2020 contained in this report;
- (b) Provide any views, ideas or suggestions on further ways to improve People's Question Time as a consultative event; and
- (c) Note the future plans for PQT locations and relevant chairs. Venues are being researched and, subject to any future COVID-19 restrictions, once identified will be brought to the GLA Oversight Committee for further consultation.

The Committee highlighted that there is a potential risk in the PQT online format in that the event may not allow for full AM and public participation.

The Committee:

- (a) Notes the proposals for People's Question Time, as a digital event on 12 November 2020 contained in this report;**
- (b) Has provided a view on the People's Question Time as a consultative event; and**

(c) Notes the future plans for PQT locations and relevant chairs and notes that venues are being researched and, subject to any future COVID-19 restrictions, once identified will be brought to the GLA Oversight Committee for further consultation.

If there is anything else in relation to this session which you wish to discuss please contact Davena Toyinbo, Principal Committee Manager, at davena.toyinbo@london.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



Len Duvall AM
Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee

Cc Kim Hobbs, Events Manager
Laura Pelling, Principal Committee Manager

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Ed Williams
Executive Director of Secretariat

Sent via email

7 August 2020

Dear Ed

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Accordingly, I now write to provide a formal response, on behalf of the GLA Oversight Committee to Agenda Item 9, which you were due to present to the Committee at that meeting.

The Committee was recommended to note the core Secretariat quarterly review for the fourth quarter of 2019-2020 (January – March 2020).

The Committee notes the core Secretariat quarterly review for the fourth quarter of 2019-2020 (January – March 2020).

If there is anything else in relation to this session which you wish to discuss please contact Davena Toyinbo, Principal Committee Manager, at davena.toyinbo@london.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



Len Duvall AM
Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee

Cc Anastassia Beliakova, Assistant Director, Scrutiny and Investigation

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David Gallie
Executive Director of Resources

Sent via email

7 August 2020

Dear David

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Accordingly, I now write to provide a formal response, on behalf of the GLA Oversight Committee to Agenda Item 10, which you were due to present to the Committee at that meeting.

The Committee was recommended to comment on the draft GLA Annual Governance Statement for 2019- 20.

The Committee has no further comments on the draft GLA Annual Governance Statement for 2019- 20.

If there is anything else in relation to this session which you wish to discuss please contact Davena Toyinbo, Principal Committee Manager, at davena.toyinbo@london.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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