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Title: COVID-19 Online Seminar Events Programme 2020

Executive Summary

As part of the Assembly's Strategic Communications Plan 2019 – 2022, a series of online seminar events on the impact of COVID-19 in London is being arranged to establish the London Assembly as a centre of policy discussion on issues of importance to Londoners. It is requested that authorisation is given for the first event, and two subsequent events following evaluation of the initial event.

Seminar Events Programme attached at **Appendix 1**.

Decision

That the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, in consultation with party Group Leaders and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, agree the COVID-19 Online Seminar Events Programme attached at Appendix 1 and a spend of up to £250 for the first event, with an additional £500 for two further provisional events.

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 29/09/20

Printed Name Len Duvall AM (Chair, GLA Oversight Committee)

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.
2. **The 'background' section (below) should be used to include an indication as to whether the information contained in / referred to in this Form should be considered as exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). If so, the specimen Annexe (attached below) should be used. If this form does deal with exempt information, you must submit both parts of this form for approval together.**

Background and proposed next steps:

At its meeting on 19 July 2018, the Assembly resolved:

"That authority be delegated to the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee to approve, following consultation with the Deputy Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee and, where appropriate, the relevant Assembly Committee Chair (and any other member as deemed necessary), any non-routine expenditure in relation to the Assembly's scrutiny functions, with the exception of expenditure for polling, which is subject to separate procedures, as outlined in the Assembly's Decision-Making Framework."

At its meeting on 3 September 2020, the Assembly resolved:

"That in relation to urgent matters only, to agree a general delegation of authority in respect of the Assembly's powers and functions (apart from those that cannot under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 be delegated) to the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman of that Committee, party Group Leaders, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM and any relevant committee Chair(s), from 3 September 2020 to 17 December 2020."

Following consultation with party Group Leaders and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, Len Duvall AM is asked to agree the COVID-19 Online Seminar Events Programme attached at Appendix 1 and a spend of up to £250 for the first event, with an additional £500 for two further provisional events.

The events will be promoted on the Assembly's social media channels: Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook and via digital newsletter. Attendance will be tracked using Eventbrite. We are inviting Londoners and attendees from across the public, political, media and policy spheres.

The £750 spend is for any required staff time, marketing and advertising, to ensure good attendance at the events. £250 has been allocated per event.

The programme will be reported back to the GLA Oversight Committee at its next formal meeting, for the Committee to note.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision

Signed by Committee
Services

Date 16/09/2020



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Financial implications

This decision seeks approval for expenditure up to £750 to fund one initial COVID-19 Online Seminar, and two further provisional events following evaluation of the initial event. £250 has been allocated per event.

The expenditure will be funded from the Assembly Communication budget (G0830-cost element 542500)

Signed by Finance A Adekunle

Date 17/09/2020

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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 24/09/2020

Print Name Emma Strain, Monitoring Officer

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Supporting detail/List of Consultees: Susan Hall AM, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, Caroline Russell AM and Peter Whittle AM.

Public Access to Information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the FoIA, or the EIR and will be made available on the GLA Website, usually within one working day of approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision (for example, to complete a procurement process), it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary. **Note:** this form (Part 1) will either be published within one working day after it has been approved or on the defer date.

Part 1 – Deferral

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? No

Until what date: (a date is required if deferring)

Part 2 – Sensitive information

Only the facts or advice that would be exempt from disclosure under FoIA or EIR should be included in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form - No

Lead Officer/Author

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Appendix 1

Provisional COVID-19 Online Seminar Events

| DATE | EVENT DETAILS |
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| 15 October 2020 | <p>Title: Domestic abuse during COVID-19: what can London learn from lockdown? Time: 4.30 – 5.30 Location: Virtual Event Via Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Building on the Police and Crime Committee’s recent work on domestic abuse, and the ongoing campaign for a Domestic Abusers Register, this panel discussion will explore the impact of the lockdown on domestic abuse victims and survivors. The panel will be invited to reflect on the lessons learnt during this period and how this should feed into future domestic abuse policy across London.</p> |
| 2 December 2020 | <p>Title: Rough Sleeping in London during COVID-19 Time: 4.30 – 5.30 Location: Virtual Event Via Microsoft Teams</p> <p>At the outset of the pandemic, Government directed that all rough sleepers be housed by 29 March 2020. In total, the Mayor block booked 498 hotel rooms to temporarily accommodate rough sleepers. This seminar will be an opportunity to discuss this response, how effective it was on a pan-London level, and what more could be done to protect rough sleepers. Panellists will be invited to explore more widely how this response should impact rough sleeping policy in London more generally.</p> |
| January 2020 (exact date TBC) | <p>Health and Safety at home during COVID-19 Time: 4.30 – 5.30 Location: Virtual Event Via Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Since March, nearly half of the UK’s workforce has had to adapt to working from home. Given this sudden change to normal working habits, this seminar will debate how much consideration should go into the health and safety of home working. Where is the balance between personal responsibility and state intervention when the office worker is transferred into the home environment to continue working for an employer? Is there a role for the employer to ensure the individual has a safe working environment at home, as they would in an office, or does this represent an unwanted intrusion into the personal arena?</p> |