

# MDA No.: 1294

## Title: Confirmation Hearing for Deputy Chair of Transport for London

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 In accordance with the Assembly's Standing Orders and the provisions of Schedule 4A to the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), the Chair of the Assembly has delegated authority to: (i) decide whether to hold a confirmation hearing for the Mayor's candidate for appointment to the office listed in Section 60A(3) of the Act; and (ii) to request that the Mayor's candidate for appointment produce, under paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), documents that relate to his or her proposed appointment.
- 1.2 The Chair of the London Assembly received a letter from the Mayor on 11 May 2021 indicating his intention to appoint Heidi Alexander to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London. A copy of the letter from the Mayor is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.3 Following receipt of the letter and informal consultation with party Group Leaders, the Chair of the London Assembly decided to hold a confirmation hearing in relation to the Mayor's proposed appointment to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London, and to ask the candidate to provide a CV and supporting statement. Copies of the Chair's letters to the Mayor and Heidi Alexander are attached at **Appendices 2 and 3**.

### 2. Decision

#### 3.1 That the Chair of the London Assembly agreed to:

- (a) **Hold a confirmation hearing in relation to the Mayor's proposed appointment of Heidi Alexander to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London; and**
- (b) **Ask the candidate to provide a CV and supporting statement.**

#### 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:



Printed Name: **Andrew Boff AM, Chair of the London Assembly**

Date: **15/06/2021**

### **3. Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority**

#### **Background and proposed next steps:**

- 3.1 The exercise of delegated authority agreeing to hold a confirmation hearing will be formally noted at the London Assembly's next appropriate meeting.

#### **Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision:**

Signature (Committee Services): L. Harvey

Printed Name: Lauren Harvey, Senior Committee Officer

Date: 11/06/2021

Telephone Number: 020 7983 4383

#### **Financial Implications: NOT REQUIRED**

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

Signature (Finance): Not Required


Printed Name:

Date:

Telephone Number:

#### **Legal Implications:**

The Chair of the London Assembly has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signature (Legal): 

Printed Name: Emma Strain, Monitoring Officer

Date: 11/06/2021

Telephone Number: 020 7983 6550

#### **Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:**

- Len Duvall AM
- Susan Hall AM
- Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
- Caroline Russell AM

#### **4. Public Access to Information**

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 **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

If yes, until what date:

##### **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

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#### **Lead Officer / Author**

Signature: L. Harvey

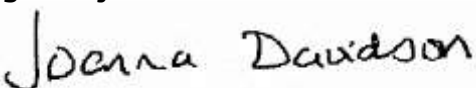
Printed Name: Lauren Harvey

Job Title: Senior Committee Officer

Date: 11/06/2021

Telephone Number: 020 7983 4383

#### **Countersigned by Executive Director:**

Signature: 

Printed Name: Joanna Davidson, Interim Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 14.06.2021

Telephone Number: 07813 796175

# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Chair of the London Assembly**

City Hall  
The Queen's Walk  
London SE1 2AA

**Date:** 11 May 2021

Dear Chair,

**Proposed reappointment to the role of Deputy Chair of Transport for London**

I am writing to inform you that I intend to reappoint Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor for Transport, to the role of Deputy Chair of Transport for London.

Before joining the GLA as Deputy Mayor in 2018, Heidi was the Member of Parliament for Lewisham East. Elected in 2010, she served in the Whips' Office before being appointed as Shadow Secretary of State for Health. Between 2006 and 2010 Heidi worked as Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Lewisham and Cabinet Member for Regeneration.

I note under section 60A of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) the Assembly are required to consider this proposed appointment and have the right to hold a confirmation hearing meeting, should you choose.

Please use the City Hall address for any further correspondence, including with the proposed candidate, on this matter.

I await your considered response to this proposed appointment within 21 days of the Assembly's Annual Meeting on 14 May 2021.

Yours sincerely,



**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London

Cc: Joanna Davidson, Interim Executive Director of Secretariat

# LONDON ASSEMBLY



**Andrew Boff AM**  
**Chair of the London Assembly**

**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London

20 May 2021

Dear Mr Mayor,

## **Proposed Appointment to the Office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London**

Thank you for your letter dated 11 May 2021, in which you advised of your proposed appointment of Heidi Alexander to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London.

I write formally to confirm that I have decided to hold a Confirmation Hearing in respect of the proposed appointment. The Confirmation Hearings Committee will meet on Tuesday 1 June 2021, in the Chamber, City Hall at 10.30am. Your letter will be included in the agenda papers for the meeting.

As you know, in advance of the Hearing the Assembly requests that you provide an up-to-date summary of the role and responsibilities of the relevant office, together with a summary of key issues and priorities for the relevant organisation.

A notice in relation to the meeting has been sent to the nominee in accordance with Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999.

The Committee's recommendation regarding this appointment will be sent to you following the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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**Andrew Boff AM**  
**Chair of the London Assembly**

# LONDON ASSEMBLY



**Andrew Boff AM**  
**Chair of the London Assembly**

**Heidi Alexander**

City Hall  
The Queen's Walk  
London  
SE1 2AA

20 May 2021

Dear Heidi,

**Confirmation Hearings Committee – Tuesday 1 June 2021, 10.30am, City Hall**

Further to the Mayor's notification to the Assembly of his proposal to appoint you to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London, I am writing to advise that, in accordance with Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), I have determined that the London Assembly will hold a Confirmation Hearing in relation to your proposed appointment.

It is requested, therefore, that you attend a meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee on Tuesday, 1 June 2021. The meeting will take place in the Chamber at City Hall and will be held in public. The meeting will begin at 10.30am. The hearing is likely to be of approximately one hour in duration.

The Authority's Head of Paid Service has issued a statutory notice to you in relation to this meeting (please see attached). I have also enclosed, for your information, a copy of the Mayor's letter to me.

I am also writing to request that you provide to the Committee in advance of the meeting a CV with any relevant details. In advance of the meeting you may also wish to provide a supporting statement or any other details which may be of interest to the Committee in relation to your appointment to this office. Please note that information provided will be made public. (Information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 is only exempt from publication if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.)

Questions and supplementary questions to you will relate to the following areas:

- whether the candidate is qualified for the position;
- whether the candidate has the time and capacity for the position;
- whether the candidate is fit (independent and impartial) for the position; and
- key responsibilities and issues for Transport for London for the future.

Please also note that, at the agenda's standing item *Declarations of Interests*, the Chair may invite you to declare any relevant interests in terms of the business of the meeting and regarding the (proposed) appointment.

If there is anything else in relation to this session that you wish to discuss, please contact Lauren Harvey, Senior Committee Officer, by telephone on 020 7983 4383 or by email: [lauren.harvey@london.gov.uk](mailto:lauren.harvey@london.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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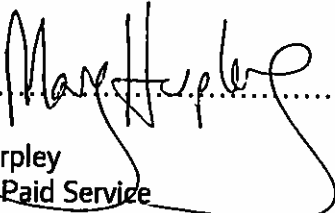
**Andrew Boff AM**  
**Chair of the London Assembly**

**SCHEDULE 4A TO THE GLA ACT 1999  
CONFIRMATION HEARINGS**

**NOTICE REQUESTING ATTENDANCE AT PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
LONDON ASSEMBLY'S CONFIRMATION HEARINGS COMMITTEE**

To: Heidi Alexander  
City Hall  
The Queen's Walk  
London  
SE1 2AA

1. The Confirmation Hearings Committee is an opportunity for Assembly Members to put questions to you, Heidi Alexander, on the Mayor's proposal to appoint you to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London.
2. You are requested to attend a meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee for the purposes of giving evidence on the matters described in paragraph 1 above on the time, date and location set out in paragraph 3 below.
3. The meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee which you are requested to attend to give evidence will be held –
  - On Tuesday 1 June 2021
  - Commencing at 10.30am
  - In the Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA
4. The attached covering letter from the Chair of the Assembly requests that you provide a CV, a supporting statement if you would wish and any other information that the Committee would be interested in in relation to your appointment to this office. This request is made under paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended).

Signed:   
Mary Harpley  
Head of Paid Service  
Greater London Authority

Dated: 20 May 2021