

# MDA No.: 1398

## Title: Allocation of the London Assembly's Budget 2022-23

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 At the meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee held on 23 March 2022, the Committee resolved that authority be delegated to the Chair of the Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman and party Group Leaders, to agree and respond to the recommendations outlined at [Items 9](#) and [11a](#) of the Agenda for that meeting regarding the allocation of the London Assembly Budget 2022-23.
- 1.2 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members, the Chair has agreed the decision set out at paragraph 2 below.

### 2. Decisions

- 2.1 **That the anticipated headline funding position for 2022-23 to 2024-25, as set out in the reports at Items 9 and 11a of the Agenda for the 23 March 2022 meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee be noted.**
- 2.2 **That the proposed allocation of the Assembly & Secretariat budget for 2022-23 be agreed as set out in the report at Item 9 of the Agenda of the GLA Oversight Committee's meeting of 23 March 2022, and as amended by the proposals set out at Option C of Agenda Item 11a, noting the comments set out at paragraph 3 below.**
- 2.3 **That the general use of the Assembly's budget in the 2022-23 year, as allocated to the relevant teams within the Secretariat, be agreed by the Committee, in accordance with the proposals set out in the report at Item 9 of the Agenda for the 23 March 2022 meeting of the 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:



Printed Name: **Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM**

Date: **30 March 2022**

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

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

- 3.1 Having consulted the Deputy Chairman of the Committee and Assembly party Group Leaders, the Chair is minded to proceed with the budget allocation set out at Agenda Item 9 of the Oversight Committee's meeting of 23 March 2022, and as amended by the provisions set out at Option C of Agenda Item 11a.
- 3.2 In reaching this decision, the Chair, following discussion with Group Leaders, noted: the significant levels of change within the Secretariat and the unique circumstances of the 2021/22 financial year; as well as the need for stability and certainty into 2022/23; the additional underspend arising from 2021/22; and the prudent approach to the overall reserve position.
- 3.3 On this basis, it is agreed that an additional draw down from reserves should be made in 2022/23 only, as set out in Option C of the addendum paper, and that no vacancy rates will be applied to Secretariat staffing budgets in 2022/23.
- 3.4 Further detailed proposals for the management of Secretariat budgets will be considered by the GLA Oversight Committee in due course.
- 3.5 In addition, the anticipated headline funding position for 2022-23 to 2024-25 is noted and the general use of the Assembly's budget in the 2022-23 year, as allocated to the relevant teams within the Secretariat, is agreed in accordance with the proposals set out in the report at Item 9 of the Agenda.
- 3.6 The exercise of delegated authority as set out in this form will be formally noted at the next appropriate meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee.

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

Signature (Committee Services):



Printed Name: Rebecca Arnold, Assistant Director, Committee & Member Services

Date: 28 March 2022

Telephone Number: 07827 231143

#### **Financial Implications:**

Finance comments are set out in the reports at [Items 9](#) and [11a](#) of the Agenda for that meeting regarding the allocation of the London Assembly Budget 2022-23.

Signature (Finance): Hina Dabasia

Printed Name: Hina Dabasia

Date: 30 March 2022

Telephone Number: 07544 657251

### **Legal Implications:**

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

Signature (Monitoring Officer): 

Printed Name: Emma Strain, Monitoring Officer

Date: 29 March 2022

Telephone Number: 020 7983 6550

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

Susan Hall AM (Deputy Chairman and Leader, GLA Conservatives); Len Duvall AM (Leader, Labour Group); and Caroline Russell AM (Leader, City Hall Greens).

## **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: N/A

### **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: 

Printed Name: Helen Ewen

Job Title: Executive Director, London Assembly & Secretariat

Date: 30 March 2022

Telephone Number: 07729 10898

**Countersigned by Executive Director:**

Signature: N/A as the Executive Director is the lead officer

Printed Name: N/A

Date: N/A

Telephone Number: N/A