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Shaun Bailey AM
Chairman of the Police and Crime Committee

Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

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Dear Sadiq,

Police and Crime Committee Confirmation Hearing: Proposed Appointment of Sophie Linden to the Office of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

In accordance with Schedule 4A to the GLA Act 1999, I write to inform you of the Police and Crime Committee's recommendation with regard to your proposed appointment of Sophie Linden to the office of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

The Police and Crime Committee put questions to Sophie Linden at its meeting on 26 May 2021 in relation to her proposed appointment to that office. The Committee agreed not to object to the appointment of Sophie Linden as Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. Her answers during the Hearing were detailed and constructive and the Committee was impressed by her performance.

However, the Committee did have a number of additional comments in relation to her appointment, which are set out below.

Going forward, the Committee would like to see an improvement in the working relationship between the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and Members of the Committee. Members would like to be given the opportunity to meet with Sophie Linden on a more regular and informal basis.

During the Hearing, the Committee expressed its disappointment in the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) correspondence response times. The Committee therefore expects to see further improvements made to this process as soon as possible.

The Committee would also like to be provided with MOPAC's strategic objectives and a set of clear KPIs for MOPAC programmes, including the Violence Reduction Unit, to further enable the Committee to effectively fulfil its role of holding MOPAC to account.

Finally, on behalf of the Police and Crime Committee, I would like to congratulate Sophie Linden on her reappointment to the role.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S Bailey', with a stylized, flowing script.

Shaun Bailey AM

Chairman of the Police and Crime Committee