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The London Fire Commissioner is the
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Dear Assembly Member Polanski,

I am writing to you to respond to an outstanding question you put to me during the London Assembly's Plenary Meeting on the 8 February 2024 and your letter to me on the 13 March 2024. During the session you asked the Brigade to provide a response to the report you had authored titled: "[A Gender and Intersectionality Responsive Climate Adaptation Plan for London](#)" and the Brigade's plans for participatory engagement.

Your report has been shared with the Community Engagement team in LFB for them to consider the lessons put forward. As London Fire Commissioner I am proud that the Brigade has made significant progress in reaching those communities who are seldom heard.

As a Member of the Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning (FREP) Committee I hope that you have seen how communities have been at the heart of the consultations we undertook around development of the Community Risk Management Plan during our recent discussions.

The Brigade has focused on building up the capabilities and the capacity of our Borough Commanders in community engagement as we recognise that firefighters will see marginalised and underserved communities who otherwise would not engage in public consultation events.

Using these skills Borough Commanders are closely evaluating each of their boroughs to look at who is currently engaged and where there are local networks which have yet to be engaged. In addition to this, the Brigade is exploring how we can use our home fire safety visits and other face to face interactions to build new and better relationships with seldom heard communities.

I thank you again for sharing your report and hope that you will be able to continue work with us and hold us to account as we continue to improve our engagement with Londoners.

Yours sincerely



Andy Roe
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