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Dear Simon

Draft GLA Budget for 2011/12

I am writing to thank you, on behalf of the London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee, for attending the Committee meeting of 24 November 2010. Your comments and answers to Members' questions will be of considerable help to the Committee in preparing its response to the Mayor's consultation.

As discussed in the meeting, I would be grateful if you could arrange for the Committee to be provided with information about where LDA funding of GLA activities is contractually committed and so might continue to be funded through the LDA grant. Could we also have information about how the £18 million which had been expected next year breaks down into funding for programmes and funding for posts.

Beyond LDA funding for GLA activities, could you let us have details of any other substantial third-party income sources for the GLA, as well as any analysis of areas where the LDA itself currently undertakes activities but which it will be a priority for the Mayor to continue, even if grant funding is withdrawn – e.g. inward investment activities.

In addition, it would be helpful to have a summary explanation of the movements between the draft budget at this stage last year and the final agreed 10/11 budget. The Committee would also like to receive the 10/11 agreed budget figures to compare with 11/12 proposals in the directorate-level subjective analysis tables and the capital spending table, together with the information recently requested from the Executive Director of Resources by the Assembly's Budget and Performance adviser.

Finally, Members are also keen to have an update on the progress on the 15 initiatives being undertaken by the Mayor's Office as part of the Shared Services workstream.

Please contact me should you wish to discuss these matters further. I would be grateful if you would arrange for your formal response to be sent to me by Wednesday 8 December 2010 (copied to the Committee Officer, as per the details below).

Yours sincerely

John Biggs AM
Chairman of the Budget and Performance Committee

cc. Martin Clarke, Executive Director of Resources