

GREATER **LONDON** AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR MAYORAL DECISION – MD2395

Title: Revised Statutory Officer Protocol

Executive summary

The Statutory Officer Protocol sets out specific arrangements relating to the employment of the GLA's three statutory officers – the Head of Paid Service, the Chief Financial Officer and the Monitoring Officer. The Mayor and Assembly act as the co-employers for the statutory officers and so the Protocol is approved by the Mayor and Assembly acting jointly. The Protocol was last revised three years ago and has now been refreshed. The key proposed change relates to the establishment of an Assessment Panel so that there is an opportunity to sift complaints about a statutory officer, in line with standard practice.

Decision

The Mayor approves the revised Statutory Officer Protocol, as appended to this decision form.

Mayor of London

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:



Date:

27/11/10

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE MAYOR

Decision required – supporting report

1. Revised Statutory Officer Protocol

- 1.1 Staff in the Resources and Secretariat directorates have worked together to expand and update the Statutory Officer Protocol.
- 1.2 The key proposed change relates to Appendix 2 of the Protocol. It is being proposed that an Assessment Panel be established so that there is an opportunity to sift complaints about a statutory officer. This is in line with standard practice in other areas of public life – for example, the standards regime.
- 1.3 There has also been some general updating and tidying up of the Protocol.
- 1.4 The Mayor, the Assembly (via its GLA Oversight Committee on 15 November 2018) and the statutory officers have been consulted on the revised Protocol and have raised no issues.
- 1.5 Approval of the revised Protocol rests with the Mayor (via this decision form) and the Assembly (at its 6 December 2018 meeting).

2. Equality comments

- 2.1 There are no specific equality considerations arising.

3. Financial comments

- 3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this decision.

4. Legal comments

- 4.1 The Statutory Officer Protocol takes full account of a range of statutory provisions, as expressly and extensively noted throughout the document itself.

5. Planned delivery approach and next steps

- 5.1 The revised Protocol is due to be published in early December 2018, following approval from the Mayor and the Assembly.

Appendices and supporting papers:

The revised Statutory Officer Protocol is appended.

Public access to information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) and will be made available on the GLA website within one working day of approval. 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.

Part 1 - Deferral

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? Yes

Until what date: 7 December 2018; i.e. once the Assembly has met to consider the revised Protocol.

Part 2 - Sensitive information

Only the facts or advice that would be exempt from disclosure under FoIA should be included in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form - NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

Drafting officer to
confirm the
following (✓)

Drafting officer:

Tom Middleton has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms the following:

✓

Sponsoring Director:

Martin Clarke has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

✓

Mayoral Adviser:

David Bellamy has been consulted about the proposal and agrees the recommendations.

✓

Advice:

The Finance and Legal teams have commented on this proposal.

✓

Corporate Investment Board

This decision was agreed by the Corporate Investment Board on 26 November 2018

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES:

I confirm that financial and legal implications have been appropriately considered in the preparation of this report.

Signature

Date

Tom Middleton on behalf of Martin Clarke 26.11.18

CHIEF OF STAFF:

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Mayor

Signature

Date

D. Bellamy

26/11/2018.

