

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA190118-1064

15 February 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 18 January 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find attached the information we hold within the scope of your request.

1) What oaths/promises did Mayor of London Boris Johnson have to sign in order to become Mayor of London?

Following his election, Boris Johnson was required to sign a section 20 form confirming he met the qualifications in the GLA Act to be Mayor.

He was also required (as per the GLA Act) to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

These requirements apply to anyone elected Mayor of London.

2) When he became Mayor, he had to sign something in a book in Westminster Abbey, what was that?

We are not sure what you are referring to. Boris Johnson was not required to sign anything at Westminster Abbey to become Mayor of London.

3) What codes of conduct (or related things) was Mayor Boris Johnson required to have kept to whilst Mayor of London?

As you say, the Mayor of London is required to abide by the GLA's Code of Conduct and s/he commits to doing so when s/he signs the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The regime for enforcing the Code and some of the related forms etc changed somewhat between 2008 and 2016. But the document itself (as linked to) did not.

In addition to the Code of Conduct, the Authority maintains various policies and procedures, some of which apply to the Mayor. The most important of the GLA's policies and procedures can be found here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/good-governance/our-procedures>.

4) What is meant by the 'elected voice' of London? Is there a deeper legal meaning behind this phrase which is found here: <http://archive.is/cbGa> ?

No. It reflects the simple fact that the Mayor is elected by Londoners and the role Mayors of London have played in representing Londoners.

5) I would like a full copy of the "declaration of acceptance of office for the mayor of London" which was signed by Boris Johnson when he became Mayor in 2016.

Please find attached a copy of the declaration signed by Boris Johnson when he became Mayor in 2008.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA190118-1064.

Yours sincerely


Information Governance Officer

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DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

MAYOR OF LONDON

1. I, **ALEXANDER BORIS DE PFEFFEL JOHNSON** of [REDACTED] ISLINGTON, LONDON [REDACTED] having assumed the office of Mayor of London declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it according to the best of my judgement and ability.
2. I undertake that in performing the functions of that office, I will observe the Greater London Authority's code of conduct for the time being under section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000.¹

Signed:

Date:

This declaration was made and signed before me,

Signed:

Date:

Anthony Mayer

Chief Executive and proper officer of the Greater London Authority²

¹ The person concerned cannot act in office unless this undertaking is given. This is a requirement of s 52(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 but the text of the undertaking is not included in the text of the Greater London Authority (Declaration of Acceptance of Office) Order 2002 (SI 2002 No 1044). Therefore the above undertaking must be included in the declaration of acceptance of office as an additional item to the words of the prescribed declaration: see the explanatory notes to the Order.

² Where the declaration is made before another person authorised by section 28(3) of the GLA Act 1999, state the capacity in which that person takes the declaration