

GREATER **LONDON** AUTHORITY

Request for Greater London Returning Officer (GLRO) Decision – GLRO 20-07

Title: Confirmation of appointment of Deputy Greater London Returning Officer (DGLRO)

Executive Summary:

That Alex Conway be appointed a Deputy Greater London Returning Officer and that he shall have the power to discharge all GLRO functions.

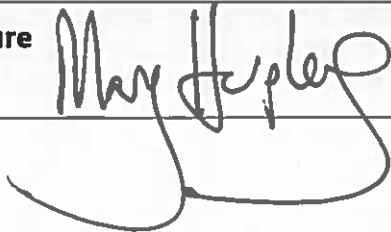
Decision:

That the Greater London Returning Officer confirms that Alex Conway, Assistant Director, Brexit and European Programmes, act under Section 35(4) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as deputy to the GLRO with full powers to discharge all GLRO functions in respect of GLA Mayoral and Assembly elections.

Greater London Returning Officer

The above request has my approval.

Signature



Date

23/01/2019

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

Decision Required – Supporting Report

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The Greater London Returning Officer has the power to appoint a deputy to discharge her functions as returning officer.
- 1.2 Alex Conway was appointed in January 2018 as Deputy GLRO to the former GLRO, Jeff Jacobs: https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gldro_20-01_appointment_of_dgldro_2017_signed_pdf.pdf
- 1.3 The current GLRO, Mary Harpley, now confirms the appointment of Alex Conway as Deputy GLRO.

2. The Role

- 2.1 The Role is as defined in Decision GLRO 20-01.

3. Issues for consideration

Key risks and issues

- 3.1 The appointment of Alex Conway as Deputy GLRO will help reduce risk by providing business continuity capacity in the event of the GLRO's absence.

Impact assessment and consultations

- 3.2 None.

Equalities comments

- 3.3 The appointment was open to all staff at Assistant Director and Head of Unit level. The GLRO is satisfied that the procedure followed in respect of the appointment complied with section 39 of the Equality Act 2010.
- 3.4 The GLRO considers that the selection process had due regard to the need to (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, and victimisation, (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it, and (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it, in accordance with section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. Relevant protected characteristics under section 149 of the Equality Act are age, disability, gender re-assignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

4. Financial Comments

- 4.1 The expenditure of £12,000 for the DGLRO's additional allowance will be funded by the Elections General budget.

5. Legal comments

- 5.1 Under section 35(4) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, the GLRO may, in writing, appoint one or more persons to discharge all or any of her functions. In making any appointment, the GLRO must act in a non-discriminatory way in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

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Part 1 Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? No

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date: (a date is required if deferring).

Part 2 Confidentiality: Only the facts or advice whose publication may be prejudicial or commercially sensitive should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale or non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form: NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:	Drafting officer to confirm the following (✓)
Drafting officer: Lea Goddard has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms that the Finance and Legal teams have commented on this proposal as required, and this decision reflects their comments.	✓
The GLRO has reviewed the request and is satisfied that it is correct	✓

Executive Director, Resources

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

Signature

M. D. Allge

Date

23.1.19

