

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA181120-0365

16 December 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 18 November 2020. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

- 1. Which department or departments are responsible for overseeing legal affairs when your council is a party to a legal Hearing e.g. Legal Services, HR? Legal hearings such as those brought against the council – (high court, criminal proceedings), or more internal matters eg. Employment Tribunal*
  - i. Please can you provide the name and contact details of the people overseeing this department(s)?*
  - ii. Within this department(s), please, can you provide the details of staff who are responsible for day-to-day managing of the following legal areas; Commercial Litigation, Crime, Crime-Fraud, Employment, Intellectual Property, Litigation General.*
- 2. Which department or departments are responsible for managing/supporting staff who are giving evidence at a legal hearing i.e. providing time off to attend court or providing support with training.*
  - i. Please can you provide the name and contact details of the people overseeing this department(s)?*

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

I should make it clear that the GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as London's Borough Councils, including the City of London and Westminster City Council (listed at <https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>).

1. Legal services are provided to the GLA by Transport for London Legal (TfL Legal), under a shared services agreement.
  - (i) TfL Legal is overseen by the Legal Director, Andrea Clarke, based at 5 Endeavour Square, London E20 1JN.
  - (ii) TfL Legal consists of a number of legal teams dealing with different areas of law. In each case the name of the team head is provided. The teams within TfL Legal do not

correspond precisely to the areas of law identified in the request. The legal teams are as follows:-

Employment Law – Patricia Obinna

Commercial Dispute Resolution – Jonathan Morris

Property & Planning Law – Margaret Deegan

Public & Regulatory Law – Mark McConochie

Commercial Law – Justine Curry

Commercial Law – Underground Investment Programme – Diane Maino

2. Support for staff giving evidence at a legal hearing would be provided by the relevant line manager, Human Resources and the legal team as appropriate.

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If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA181120-0365.

Yours sincerely



**Information Governance Officer**

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